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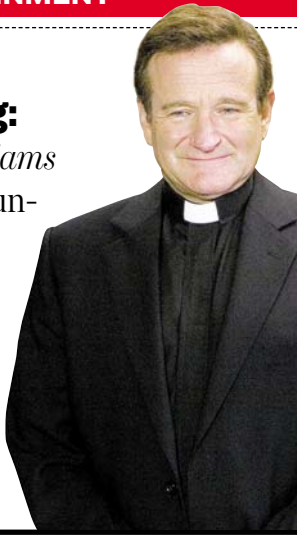
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Tiger's Tournament Blasts Off

ABOVE PAR: Tiger Woods attempts to shoot out of the sand trap on the second hole of the AT&T National at Congressional Country Club Thursday. Woods bogeyed the hole and struggled to an opening round score of 3-over-par. Thousands of fans are expected to attend the first-year event — which Woods is hosting — over the weekend. ♣ **Fore:** Holes to watch at the tournament | Page 11

Terrorism Site Chief Gets Jail

'Jihadist James Bond' aided would-be attackers on Web

LONDON | An al-Qaeda-inspired computer expert who dubbed himself "the jihadist James Bond" was sentenced to 10 years in prison Thursday for running a network of Web sites and hoarding videos of the murders of Americans Nick Berg and Daniel Pearl.

Morocco-born Younis Tsouli, 23, who prosecutors said had uploaded guides to building suicide vests onto the Internet, used the online ID "irhabi007" — the Arabic word for terrorist and the code name of the fictional British spy.

With accomplices Tariq al-Daour and Waseem Mughal — who were also given prison terms Thursday — Tsouli offered advice and motivation to would-be terrorists on myriad Web pages run from their London homes, prosecutors said.

The men were the leading distributor of terrorist material on the Internet before they were arrested in 2005, said Evan Kohlmann, a U.S.-based terrorism consultant who gave evidence in the case.

The case marks the first terrorism convictions in Britain based purely on evidence about use of the Internet, Judge Charles Openshaw said. DAVID STRINGER (AP)

FRAGRANCE | Smells So Sui An employee in the Detroit city planning department who claims she is severely sensitive to perfume has sued the city, saying a co-worker's strong fragrance prohibits her from working. Susan McBride's lawsuit



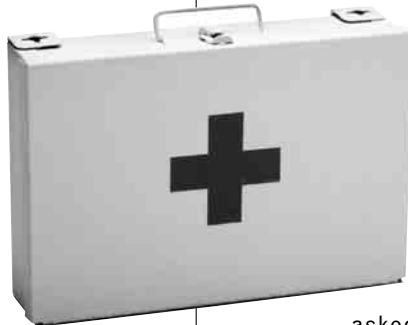
says the work environment is in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. She wants a ban on such scents at work and unspecified damages. "This employee not only wore a strong scent, but also plugged in a room deodorizer," the lawsuit states. (AP) **EyeOpeners | Page 2**

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STALKING

Someone Has a Crush On a Trauma Nurse

After being struck by a car Sunday and beaten by an intruder Monday, an Athens, Tenn., man returned to a hospital a third consecutive day when police investigating a convenience store robbery shot him. The series of events: On Sunday, Hicks was struck outside his apartment by a car. On Monday, he was robbed after being struck in the face with a coffee mug. On Tuesday night, a convenience store clerk said Hicks struck her and told her to open the register and give him the money and then fled on foot. (AP)



DELIVERY

'I'd Like Fries With That Tracheotomy'

Authorities have tracked down a 4-year-old girl who called 911 287 times. Unbeknown to her mom, the Chicago child used a deactivated cell phone to call as often as 20 times per shift. Dispatchers could track the signal only to the apartment complex. "We asked her what she wanted. She said McDonald's," said Steve Cordes of the emergency center. "We convinced her if she told us where she lives, we would bring her McDonald's." She finally coughed up her address. (AP)



FRANCOIS MORIAU/AP

UNREADABLE

And No Sudoku, Either!

Domed papier-mache headgear may be all the rage in Paris, but we would encourage this media concern (apparently, up-and-coming designer Lefranc Ferrant) to stay out of our market. Judging by the hate mail we receive when we alter the crossword in even the most imperceptible ways, we'd have riots on the Metro in no time. (EXPRESS)

SMUT

And Wait Till You See The Delivery Boys ...

A new Winnipeg pizza-delivery business is offering an extra greasier than

garlic butter: pornographic photos. "There are some that are very 'Playboy'-esque and others that would make Larry Flynt blush," Porno Pizza owner Corey Wildeman told the Winnipeg Sun. Perhaps surprisingly, he says

75 to 80 percent of orders have been phoned in by women. Right now, folks can't choose which sort of racy image they're exposed to, the Sun reported, but Wildeman hopes he can offer more choices in the future. (EXPRESS)

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Mr. Sanya states that the Report represents the compendium of his many years of real estate experience and can be of substantial value to homeowners, especially those whose homes have been on the market unsold for a considerable period of time. The author emphasizes that although he does not accept every listing, by following the Report's procedures he accomplishes a sale in every instance in which he is the broker of record.

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"I don't know what Arkansan is for chutzpah, but this is a gigantic case of it." — **White House spokesman Tony Snow**, responding to former President Clinton's criticism of President Bush's commutation for "Scooter" Libby.

Nation

In Brief



Police officers examine the site of a deadly accident in Bridgeport, Conn.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. Fourth Victim Dies After Minivan Rolls Into Pond

Family members Thursday mourned three children and the woman they say gave her own life in a failed attempt to save them as her minivan rolled down a hill and sank in a park pond. Michelle McIntosh, 39, died Wednesday along with her 2-year-old son, David, and 3-year-old family friend, Julia Boyd. Her nephew, Jayden Wilson, 6, died Thursday at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital, where he had been in critical condition. (AP)

WASHINGTON Libby Reportedly Pays \$250,000 Fine Himself

Former White House Aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby on Thursday paid the fine \$250,000 he still owed after President Bush commuted his prison sentence. Libby's supporters have raised more than \$5 million to cover legal fees and were continuing to raise money for him, but Libby paid the fine himself, according to someone close to the fund. (AP)

Study: Sexes Are Equally Talkative

Team of researchers says women do not chat more than men

WASHINGTON | Another stereotype — chatty gals and taciturn guys — bites the dust.

It turns out, when you actually count the words, there isn't much difference between the sexes when it comes to talking.

A team led by Matthias R. Mehl, an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Arizona, came

URBAN LEGEND

→ Researchers who worked on the study were surprised by a magazine article that asserted women use an average of 20,000 words per day, compared with 7,000 for men.

→ They found that the 20,000- and 7,000-word figures have been used in popular books and magazines for years. But they couldn't find any research supporting the claim.

up with the finding, which is published in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*.

The researchers placed microphones on 396 college students for periods ranging from two to 10 days, sampled their conversations and calculated how many words they used in the course of a day.

The score: women, 16,215; men, 15,669.

The difference: 546 words: "Not statistically significant," the researchers said.

Co-author James W. Penne-

baker, chairman of the psychology department at the University of Texas, said the researchers collected the recordings as part of a larger project to understand how people are affected when they talk about emotional experiences.

"Although many people believe the stereotypes of females as talkative and males as reticent, there is no large-scale study that systematically has recorded the natural conversations of large groups of people for extended periods of time," Pennebaker said. RANDOLPH E. SCHMID (AP)

LAS VEGAS | LUCKY IN LOVE



GOOD FOR BUSINESS: Max Freed, manager of Freed's Bakery, loads a truck full of wedding cakes on Thursday. Hundreds of couples are expected to flock to Las Vegas this weekend to tie the knot on Saturday — 7/7/07 on the calendar.

Sen. Domenici Joins Ranks of Iraq Dissenters

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. | Sen. Pete Domenici on Thursday withdrew his support of President Bush's Iraq war policy and embraced instead a proposal to bring home most troops by next March. The longtime New Mexico senator is the latest of several Republican stalwarts who have abandoned Bush on Iraq.

"I have carefully studied the Iraq situation and believe we cannot continue asking our troops to sacrifice indefinitely while the Iraqi government is not making measurable progress," Domenici said.

Republican Sen. John Warner is expected to propose legislation this month calling for a new approach in Iraq. (AP)

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Kaan Beyaz, left, Alara Dinc and Baris Beydaz cool off in Las Vegas, where a heat wave is bringing record temperatures.

Heat Wave Hits the West

Temperatures reach well above 100 degrees in California, Nevada

LOS ANGELES | A heat wave sizzling across the West showed little sign of letting up Thursday, with Las Vegas forecast to tie a record high and even northern Idaho expected to top 100 degrees.

"You can become dehydrated really quick before you know it. You step outside and, 'Wow,'" said Charlie Schlott, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Las Vegas.

In Las Vegas, the temperature reached 100 by 9 a.m., well on its way to the forecast record high for

DRY DANGERS

→ The high temperatures, combined with an extremely dry winter, also worried wildfire crews across the West.

→ "We're headed toward a long, hard fire season, the way it looks. The public needs to be prepared for it," said Steve Rawlings, fire management officer for the Colville National Forest in Washington.

the day of 116, according to the National Weather Service. The mercury last reached 116 on the date in 1985.

Near-record highs were also forecast for Southern California, where

the mercury was expected to top 115 in the desert. Thursday was expected to be the hottest day of the year so far in northeastern Oregon, with temperatures forecast to hit 107 in Hermiston and Pendleton.

A high of 101 was forecast in Spokane, Wash., and nearby Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, which would exceed the record of 100 set in 1975. Friday's forecast didn't hold much relief from the nearly weeklong heat wave, either.

In California, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger ordered the opening of state cooling centers in 13 counties, and the operator of the statewide power grid asked Californians to try to conserve energy to avoid brownouts. (AP)

HEARSAY | FLOODING

"Mostly, this time of year we're fighting wild fires. ... The problem with this is, the water won't go away."

—JACK COLLEY, CHIEF OF THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. MORE THAN 1,000 HOMES IN THE STATE HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY FLOODWATERS SINCE MAY.

Gore Is Glad Son Is Being Treated

NEW YORK | Former Vice President Al Gore said Thursday he's glad his son is safe and getting treatment a day after the 24-year-old was arrested in California on suspicion of illegally possessing marijuana and prescription drugs.

"We love him very much," Gore told NBC's "Today" show, adding,

"We are going to leave it as a private matter."

Al Gore III was driving about 100 mph on the San Diego Freeway when he was pulled over and deputies found a small amount of marijuana plus Xanax, Valium, Vicodin and Adderall, which is used for attention deficit disorder, police said.

"We are glad he is safe and that he is getting treatment," his father said Thursday. (AP)



PLAY ON: A Brazilian judge ruled Thursday that South America's Live Earth concert on Saturday could go ahead as planned after organizers convinced her there would be adequate security at the Copacabana Beach event.

World

In Brief



Ayman al-Zawahri sought to bolster al-Qaeda's efforts with a new video.

BAGHDAD

Al-Qaeda No. 2 Urges Muslims to Join Insurgency

Al-Qaeda's deputy leader sought to bolster the terror network's main arm in Iraq in a new video released Thursday, calling on Muslims to rally behind it at a time when the group is on the defensive, faced with U.S. offensives and splits with other insurgent groups. Ayman al-Zawahri defended the Islamic State of Iraq — the insurgent umbrella group headed by al-Qaeda — against critics among Islamic militant groups, saying it was a vanguard for fighting off the U.S. military. (AP)

LONDON

Police Hunt for Bomb Plot Clues in Scottish House

Police searched for evidence Thursday in a Scottish house that may have been used to produce the makeshift bombs that failed to explode in three attempted terror attacks on London and the Glasgow airport, officials and news reports said. Community leaders in Scotland appealed for calm after Glasgow police said there had been dozens of racially motivated incidents since Saturday's attack. (AP)

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Dinner Guest Discovers Host's Family in Freezer

Police detained a man in eastern Belgium after a dinner guest found the bodies of the host's wife and stepson in a freezer, authorities said Thursday. The bodies appeared to have been kept in the deep freeze for several weeks at the man's home in the city of Verviers, 78 miles east of Brussels. (AP)

Pakistanis Defy Plea for Surrender

Fighting continues at mosque as government tries to avoid bloodbath

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Gunfire and explosions rocked a besieged radical mosque in Pakistan's capital Thursday as Islamic militants holed up in the complex snubbed a plea from their captured leader to surrender.

The leader of the holdouts said they would consider leaving but only if authorities promised not to arrest anyone and met other demands. The government

answered that the militants must surrender without conditions, and outbursts of gunfire erupted periodically during the night.

The army seemed to be holding back from a large-scale assault. The government was keen to avoid a bloodbath that would further damage President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's embattled administration and said troops would not storm the mosque while women and children were inside.

Interior Minister Aftab Khan Sherpao said soldiers were trying to blast holes in the walls of the fortress-like compound of the mosque



Pakistani officers take unidentified people away from the Red Mosque.

and an adjoining seminary for girls, seeking to wear down the defenders' resolve and force a surrender without a bloody battle.

It wasn't clear how many people were holed up in the compound. The Interior Ministry said about 30 die-hard extremists were inside, while intelligence officials said there could be as many as 100.

The violence brought to a head a six-month standoff between Pakistan's U.S.-backed government and its top cleric, Maulana Abdul Aziz, who challenged Musharraf with a drive to impose Taliban-style Islamic law in Islamabad. DENIS D. GRAY (AP)



An Israeli soldier puts a blindfold on a Palestinian as they are lined up following their arrest during an army raid on Thursday.

11 Militants Killed in Gaza Violence

Fighting escalates on one of deadliest days since Hamas takeover

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Israeli forces killed 11 militants Thursday in one of the deadliest days of combat since Hamas wrested control of Gaza last month, putting the Israeli-Palestinian conflict back at center stage after months of Palestinian infighting.

Israel called in aircraft, tanks and bulldozers to press its campaign against Gaza rocket squads, while Islamic militants laid mines and fired mortars at soldiers at the main Gaza-Israel passage.

Since sweeping out its Fatah rivals in a lightning campaign, Hamas has sought to solidify its regime administering crowded, chaotic, poverty-stricken Gaza. It has initiated few attacks on Israel, but also has not stopped

other groups from firing rockets at Israeli towns almost daily, provoking Israeli military action and drawing Hamas forces in.

Fighting escalated quickly Thursday after an Israeli patrol just inside Gaza spotted armed militants approaching and called in an airstrike. That clash erupted close to the Bureij refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip, a site of frequent clashes between gunmen and the Israeli army. DIAA HADID (AP)

Ayatollah May Budge On Women

Iran's supreme leader hints that restrictions could be reinterpreted

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has signaled a willingness to reinterpret Islamic law in favor of women's rights, but not following Western convention, his official Web site and state-run television reported Thursday. Khamenei's comments come amid criticism of Iran by international human rights groups for persecuting women's rights activists.

"Some issues about women, which exist in religious jurisprudence, are not the final say. It is possible to interpret new points through research by a skillful jurist," the Web site quoted Khamenei as saying.

Iran imposes tight restrictions on women, like requiring them to have a male guardian's permission to work or travel. Women are not allowed to become judges, and a man's court testimony is considered twice as important as a woman's.

But Iranian women have more rights than their counterparts in other conservative Muslim countries. They can drive, vote and run for most public offices. NASSER KARIMI (AP)

World



WHERE THERE'S SMOKE: China said Thursday it would bar bank loans to companies that violate environmental rules, an apparent effort to target firms that find it cheaper to pay fines or bribes than to help reduce the country's worsening pollution.

Small Wonder: New List Almost Set

Great Wall, Colosseum in lead as voting closes on new magnificent 7

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND | The Great Wall of China, the Colosseum in Rome and Peru's Machu Picchu are leading contenders to be among the new Seven Wonders of the World, as a massive poll draws to a close with votes already cast by more than 90 million people, organizers say.

As the 8 p.m. EDT Friday voting deadline approaches, the rankings could still change. Also in the top 10 are Greece's Acropolis, Mexico's Chichen Itza pyramid, the Eiffel Tower, Easter Island, Brazil's Statue of Christ Redeemer, the Taj Mahal and Jordan's Petra.

The winners will be announced on Saturday in Lisbon, Portugal.



The Colosseum in Rome is almost sure to be one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. The Statue of Liberty faces an uphill battle, though. Voting ends Friday.

The Great Pyramids of Giza, the only surviving structures from the original Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, are assured of keeping their status in addition to the new seven after indignant Egyptian officials said it was a disgrace they had to compete for a spot.

The Colosseum, the Great Wall, Machu Picchu, India's Taj Mahal and Jordan's Petra have been among the leaders since January, while the Acropolis and the Statue of Christ Redeemer made their way up from the middle of the field to the top level, according to the latest tallies. The Statue of Liberty and the Sydney Opera House have been sitting in the bottom 10 since the start. (AP)



Last chance: Friday is the final day to vote on the new wonders. Cast your ballot at www.new7wonders.com

37 Commuters Injured in British Train Derailment

LONDON | A subway train derailed in London during morning rush hour Thursday, injuring 37 commuters, officials said.

About 900 passengers — many covered in dust — were evacuated after the westbound Central Line train derailed between the Bethnal Green and Mile End stations in east London, police said. Police said the accident was not related to terrorism. Paramedics treated 37 people at the scene for mostly minor injuries. Eleven people were hospitalized.

The cause of the accident was under investigation. The driver said he saw something white flapping in the tunnel, possibly some sort of sheeting, before the train collided with it, London's transport department said in a statement. (AP)

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Local

11 Hurt at Fireworks Show

5 children among injured after mishap at Va. elementary school

VIENNA, VA. | Authorities now say 11 people were injured when misdirected fireworks exploded into a crowd during a show in Vienna Wednesday night.

Families near Vienna Elementary School were enjoying the fireworks show when something went wrong. At least one of the mortars misfired.

"The one went into the crowd," Fairfax Fire and Rescue spokesman Dan Schmidt said.

"There may have been another round that kind of went off somewhere else where there wasn't anyone there."

Five children were among the 11

injured. Witnesses say the injured were treated for head and leg traumas.

Schmidt says the most seriously injured person was burned. Two people have potentially life-threatening injuries.

"All the fireworks were too low to the ground and they were just going everywhere," says one woman who was watching the fireworks.

The company in charge of the show, Schaefer Pyrotechnics of Pennsylvania, is cooperating with fire investigators.

Schaefer Pyrotechnics had similar malfunctions at four other shows in Fairfax County Wednesday night, officials say. Three years ago in Pennsylvania, the company had a Fourth of July accident that injured several dozen audience members.

Officials say the site in Vien-

na was inspected twice before the show.

"We know that they've been around here a long time. They've had a pretty good record," Schmidt says about the company.

At the big fireworks show on the National Mall, employees of the fireworks production company were working in the firepit after the fireworks show, south of Constitution Gardens, when unused fireworks exploded, according to U.S. Park Police Sgt. Robert Lachance.

Three men were injured. One of the men suffered serious burns. Another had minor burns. The third man was treated and released on the scene.

If anyone witnessed what happened, call the U.S. Park Police Tipline at 202-610-8737. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, July 5

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Mid-day DC 4	0-7-3-0
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	5-7-2-0
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	9-20-28-29-33
Daily 6 (Wed.)	2-6-14-24-28-34 Bonus: 18
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	10-15-19-28-33 (13)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	7-3-1
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-0-0
Mid-day Pick 4	7-9-5-0
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-2-4-0
Match 5 (Wed.)	2-4-10-22-32 Bonus: 33
Lotto (Wed.)	1-4-17-32-36-43

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	0-8-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-6-7
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	9-1-4-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-4-5-6
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	3-7-18-28-33
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WASHINGTON | BRIDGE RENOVATION BEGINS



OUT OF COMMISSION: The Frederick Douglass Bridge, which is sometimes referred to as the South Capitol Street Bridge, will be closed for about two months for a major renovation. During the closure, a 200-foot section of the bridge's northern approach, pictured, will be lowered.

Stadium's Structural Work Done

WASHINGTON | The structural steel and concrete work on the new Nationals stadium is done, and a "topping out" celebration is set for July 11.

Once this phase of construction is completed, work can begin on a

drainage system for the infield. The turf is scheduled to be planted in October.

The steel for the ballpark scoreboard is already being installed, and the first seats started going in at the end of June. (AP)

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Money



NO BIDS REQUIRED: EBay has quietly launched a classified advertising site on the Web in an attempt to find new sources of revenue. The site allows users in more than two dozen countries to buy and sell goods and services, and to post personals.

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Hilton	45.39	+9.34	+25.9
Huntsmn	27.46	+3.06	+12.5
NovaStar	7.68	+.84	+12.3
UndrArm	54.30	+5.21	+10.6
Culp Inc h	10.00	+.95	+10.5

Losers

Tefron	7.75	-1.33	-14.6
EmergBio n	10.31	-.65	-5.9
CitizInc	7.18	-.34	-4.5
JrnlReg	4.23	-.19	-4.3
Theragen	4.00	-.18	-4.3

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Local.com	12.93	+4.06	+45.8
TecumsehA	23.01	+7.21	+45.6
TecumsehB	21.32	+6.55	+44.3
PlanetOut	2.05	+.39	+23.5
lomai	1.75	-.12	-6.3

Losers

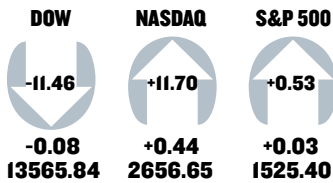
PensonWw	19.11	-6.25	-24.6
FrstAvi	2.05	-.60	-22.6
ViaPhm nh	3.30	-.65	-16.5
Entrust	3.41	-.59	-14.8
Encorium	2.42	-.38	-13.6

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23
3-month disc	4.76	4.81
2-year	4.68	4.64
10-year	4.67	4.68
30-year	4.83	4.86

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4969	.4959	.5450
Canadian Dollar	1.0566	1.0605	1.1110
European Euro	.7354	.7351	.7854
Japanese Yen	122.88	122.43	115.71
Mexican Peso	10.7998	10.7692	11.1890
Taiwanese Dollar	32.82	32.90	32.37



Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	54.23	-.09	+11.3
Allergan s	57.45	-.58	-4.0
AstraZen	53.85	-.07	+.6
BarrPhm	50.82	-.02	+1.4
BrMySq	31.91	+.14	+22.5
Cephln	80.61	-.42	+14.5
ForestLab	46.16	-.02	-8.8
Hospira	40.04	+.54	+19.2
JohnJn	62.28	+.33	-5.7
KingPhm	20.71	-.11	+30.1
LillyEli	56.56	-.23	+8.6
Merck	49.82	-.01	+14.3
Pfizer	25.90	+.09	...
SchergPl	30.57	-.32	+29.3
Wyeth	57.35	-.13	+12.6



Northwest Airlines is adding 72 Bombardier CRJ-900 jets to its fleet for use in regional flights. The planes have a dozen first-class seats and a roomy cabin.

Hilton Shares Soar on Buyout News

LOS ANGELES | Shares of Hilton Hotels Corp. soared 26 percent in trading Thursday, two days after the company agreed to be bought by the Blackstone Group for \$20.1 billion in cash.

Hilton's shares — among the most heavily traded on the New

York Stock Exchange on Thursday — rose \$9.45 to \$45.51.

The proposed acquisition deal represents a 32 percent premium over Tuesday's closing price and would instantly make Blackstone the world's largest hotel owner.

Blackstone owns more than

100,000 hotel rooms in the United States and Europe, including La Quinta Inns and Suites as well as LXR Luxury Resorts and Hotels.

Hilton Hotels owns or operates 2,800 hotels and 480,000 rooms in 76 countries and territories and includes such brands as Doubletree, Embassy Suites and Hampton Inn. (AP)

Airlines Investing In Spacious Jets

Carriers hope business travelers will pay extra for comfortable flights

MINNEAPOLIS | Airlines are rushing to add new regional jets with first-class seats, roomier cabins and, in some cases, hot food.

The carriers are hoping business travelers tired of a cramped 50-seat jet will pay extra for a flight experience closer to what they get on a mainline jet. The addition could help airlines turn a profit on flights that have generally lost money, although rising fuel prices could complicate the plan.

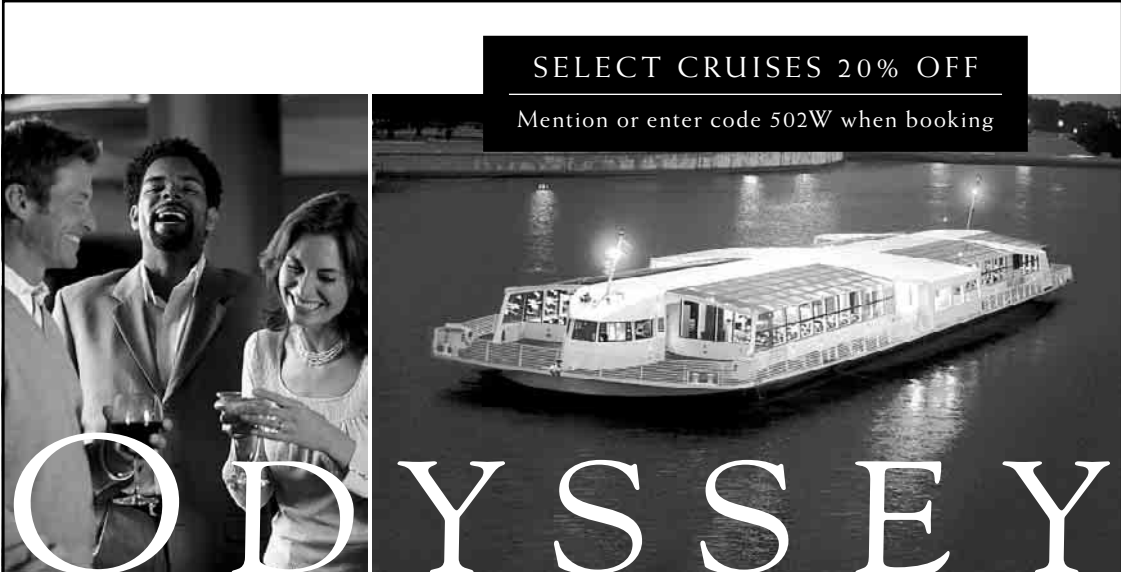
Airlines that recently went through bankruptcy — Northwest, Delta and United — are the freest to add such jets because of relaxed restrictions in their pilot contracts.

Delta spokeswoman Betsy Tal-

ton said business customers have been asking for the regional first-class seats for years. The aim with the new jets is "to make it all more seamless and more like the mainline jet experience," she said.

The new jets stretch the idea of "regional" flying. For instance, Northwest used to fly about 1,400 miles from Minneapolis to Vancouver only seasonally, when demand could fill an Airbus. It dropped the route when demand slackened because that was too far for a 50-seat jet to travel. But it's within range for the new Embraer, which is the plane Northwest will use on that route.

"What people really care about is nonstop service. And these aircraft are the right size to introduce them into many markets that wouldn't have it otherwise," said consultant George Hamlin of Airline Capital Associates Inc. JOSHUA FREED (AP)



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TAKE YOUR TIME: Private equity firm Terra Firma Capital Partners has extended the deadline for its \$4.8 billion takeover bid for EMI Group PLC, home to the Beatles and Coldplay, hoping to win over shareholders who are holding out for a counterbid from former suitor Warner Music Group. It is the second time Terra Firma has extended its offer.



WORK IN PROGRESS: Cranes and condos rise behind the new club Bricks along the Miami River in the Brickell/East Little Havana district in Miami, a city with much to offer.

Miami Advice

“It’s easy to revel in the inventive, evolving, unpredictable and non-glamorous spirit of Miami.”

A glitzy city’s underbelly is a hotbed for creativity

Ah, Miami: city of glitz and glamour, home of swaying palms and swiveling hips, the promised land of celebrity sightings and Celebrity Cruises. At least that’s the image of Miami in the popular imagination, and much of it is true.

There’s also the other Miami, the one I like to explore. Away from the bright lights and hyperventilating crowds, in places where the casual tourist doesn’t venture, is a dynamic mix of art, food and creativity. You won’t need designer clothes or a VIP pass to navigate these up-and-coming neighborhoods. You will, however, need a car. Though some areas of Miami and the beach are suitable for walking, these districts are spread over large areas that are hard to navigate on foot.



Ver-daddys offers authentic Mexican cuisine in the Biscayne Corridor in Miami.

Wynwood

Six miles west of South Beach’s trendy clubs and salty breezes, and a few blocks south of the well-groomed

Design District, the working-class neighborhood of Wynwood is a gritty hodgepodge of two-story warehouses, small apartment buildings and

1920s bungalow-style homes. The area has recently been christened the Wynwood Art District.

Wynwood’s lack of gentility hasn’t kept well-heeled galleries, dealers, collectors and artists from flocking to its spacious warehouses, with new art venues multiplying faster than crack vials on broken sidewalks.

At last count, there were 68 venues spread over an approximate 60-block area, with “for rent” or “sale” signs on seemingly every other building boasting exhibition-space opportunities.

Biscayne Corridor

The stretch of Route 1 from 50th to 77th streets, called the Biscayne Corridor, passes through the neighborhoods of Edgewater, Morning-side, Bayside and Belle Meade. Once the main artery between Miami and Fort Lauderdale, it more recently has been known for its streetwalkers, drug dealers and rent-by-the-hour rooms.

But an influx of new homeowners and a push toward preservation are slowly revitalizing the area, with restaurants, wine bars and shops blooming in once-abandoned properties. On the northern edge, at the corner of Biscayne Boulevard and 75th Street, Ver-daddys is easy to spot: Look for the six-foot-high graffiti lettering that reads “Taco Shop.”

Ver-daddys (a play on the Spanish word for “truth”) brings a new level of authenticity to Mexican food in Miami. Since it opened last January,



ALSO THIS SUNDAY

The State of Art

At a time when the market is hotter than ever and works are fetching record prices, critic Blake Gropnik looks at contemporary art. | [Arts](#)

The Longest Day

We asked readers to photographically document the summer solstice for the summer photo contest. More than 450 pictures were entered. See the best of the best submissions. | [Sunday Source](#)



word has spread about the oh-my-God quality of the crispy enchiladas with chipotle cream, tostadas with grilled steak, soft tacos with pork chili verde, grilled quesadillas and homemade guacamole and salsas.

Brickell/East Little Havana

Another area where district names blend is south of downtown Miami. Take Biscayne Boulevard past the new performing arts center and American Airlines Arena. Cross Flagler Street, winding your way across the Miami River to the tall business and residential towers of Brickell. Here, near where cranes and high-rise condos rise like weeds across Miami’s increasingly crowded skyline, are the live-music venue Tobacco Road and the white-tablecloth restaurant River Oyster Bar as well as an assortment of businesses.

Which isn’t to say all will soon be sanitized and upscale. In this part of town, the sidewalks dissolve into patches of bottle-strewn gravel, and on a recent Friday night, it was possible to buy grilled pork skewers with fresh guacamole and potatoes from a street vendor at 1 in the morning.

It’s at moments like that, standing near a chain-link fence with in the swampy odor of the river on a sweaty night under a full moon, that it’s easy to revel in the inventive, evolving, unpredictable and most definitely non-glamorous spirit of Miami. *NECEE REGIS* (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)

Moon Over Miami

→ Interested in visiting Miami’s funkier neighborhoods? Find phone numbers, addresses and Web sites for the clubs and restaurants worth checking out in South Florida. | [TRAVEL](#)

Weekend Sports

NATIONALS

National Treasure: While dealing with a spate of injuries, Acta has kept the Nationals from slipping to historic depths this season. | 12



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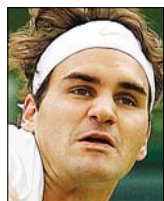


Floyd Landis won the Tour de France, but is now caught up in a doping scandal.

→ **LONDON CALLING:** After a year heavy on doping allegations against some of cycling's top riders, the Tour de France returns on Sunday (5:30 a.m. on Versus). The race departs from London for the first time, with the 4.9-mile Prologue stage.

→ **PAPA WOODS:** Playing in his first tournament since his wife gave birth, Tiger Woods is also host at Congressional for the AT&T National on Friday (3 p.m. on TGC), Saturday (3 p.m. on CBS) and Sunday (3 p.m. on TGC).

→ **FRENCH CONNECTION:** Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer are on their way to a rematch of the French Open final at Wimbledon. Men's and women's coverage continues on Friday (noon on NBC), Saturday (9 a.m. on NBC)

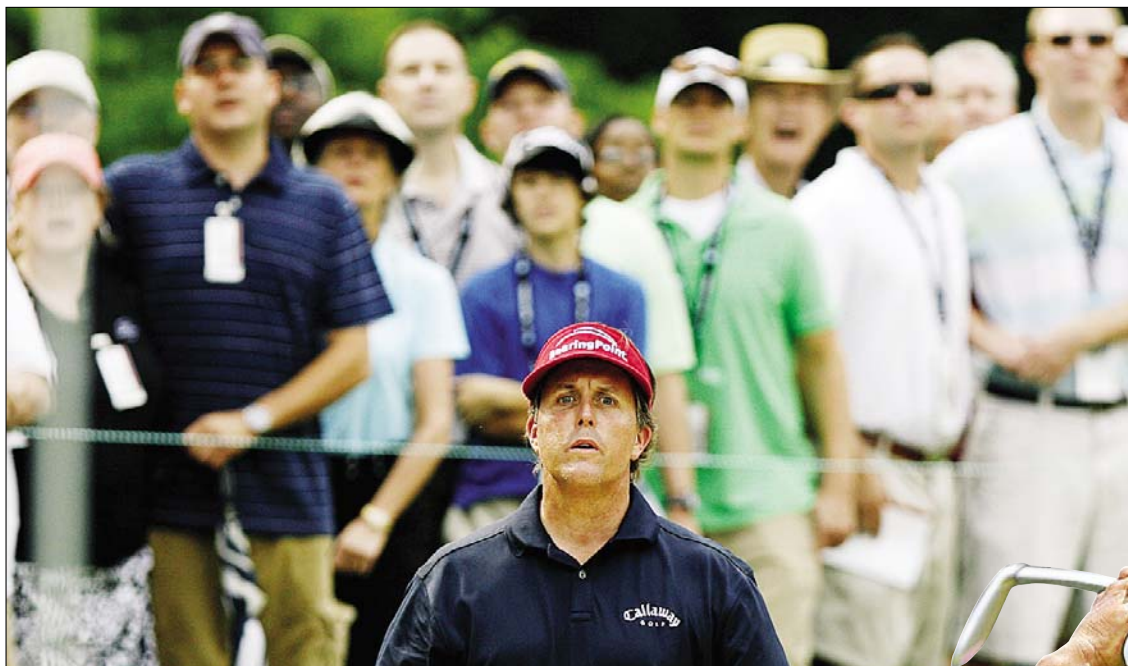


Federer

and Sunday (9 a.m. on NBC). Nadal took the meeting at Roland-Garros, but Federer is the master on the grass courts, having won his last 51 consecutive matches on that surface.

→ **BUYER'S MARKET:** The O's and Rangers are a combined 30 games out of first place. They play a three-game set on Friday (8:35 p.m. on MASN2), Saturday (8:35 p.m. on MASN2) and Sunday (3 p.m. on MASN2).

→ **D.C. DYNAMITE:** United takes on the Houston Dynamo on Sunday (8:30 p.m. on Comcast). United, coming off a win against the Wizards on Wednesday, is the hottest team in the MLS, with a record of 8-1-2 over its last 11 games.



JOHN MCCONNELL/TWP

Wide Open

Congressional is nearly as hard as ever, which could mean trouble

AT&T NATIONAL | Ten years ago, Tiger Woods was in just his second year on the PGA Tour. He was coming off a 1996 campaign that won him rookie of the year honors, and he had just won the 1997 Masters by a record 12 strokes when he came to Congressional Country Club for the U.S. Open.

He shot a 74 on Thursday and never fully recovered, finishing tied for 19th at 6-over-par — 10 strokes behind Els.

"I wish I had the understanding now of how to play the game back then," said Woods, who became No. 1 in the world after that tournament and has won 11 more majors since then. "Because, strategically, I would have played it so much more differently than I did."

This week at the AT&T National, Woods gets another chance to try

Tiger Woods decided to make the course a par-70.

to tame Congressional — though he struggled on Thursday and finished at 3-over. As the tournament host, he also gets to make decisions on how the course will play.

What did he decide? Have the course play as close as possible to the way it played in '97. The rough is just as thick — though, with just four months notice, not as long — and the 7,255-yard course is playing as a par-



ROSS KINNAIRD/GETTY IMAGES

LOOKING IN: Phil Mickelson finished at 4-over on Thursday, and Tiger Woods was not much better — at 3-over.

70, which means two holes that are par-5s for members (No. 6 and No. 11) are just par-4s for the pros.

Fred Funk joked that he saw Woods in the locker room and Tiger told him he was going to need more ammo for No. 6.

"I was holding my driver in my hand," Funk said.

But that's the way it's going to be this week. Woods gave a little consolation, saying the fairways were probably a cut wider than 1997 and the rough was an inch shorter. But he didn't try to hide the fact that the course was going to be long and hard.

"Unfortunately, all of the players can blame me for the par-70," Woods joked. "I think that we should play it just like how we did in the U.S. Open in '97. I just think that was such a tremendous test, and it produced a great champion in Ernie Els."

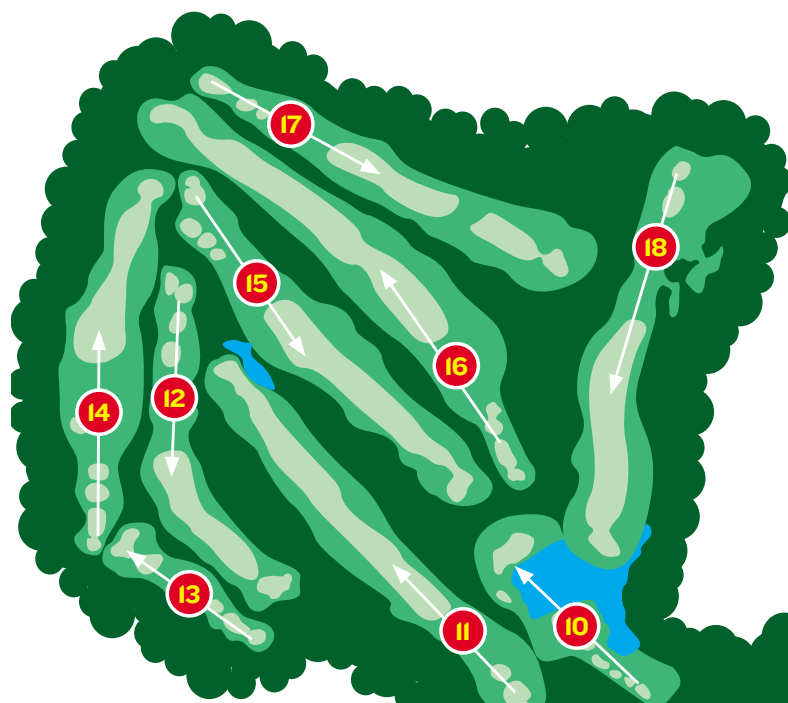
Els couldn't make it to Congressional this week because he was already scheduled to play in Europe when the tournament was announced. But the rest of the big guns — Phil Mickelson, Jim Furyk and Vijay Singh, among others — are here, giving the tournament a bit of a U.S. Open feel.

"Congressional is just a U.S. Open venue, straightforward, good, hard test of golf, and I think that's why so many people are enamored with the place," Mickelson said. "I certainly don't like the rough like it was, but I love the green complexes, the distances. ... I like it where you don't have to shoot 6-, 7-, 8-under-par every round to keep pace. More strategy is involved, thought process as well as being challenged physically with your game."

IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)



SAILING | Prepubescents Overboard! The Irish coast guard rescued about 110 children from the sea Thursday after a sudden squall hit their sailboats, Irish officials said. The children, ages 10 to 15, were taking part in the National Yacht Club junior regatta when the squall capsized 91 boats in the Irish Sea south of Dublin. There were no immediate reports of injuries. "All of the children, thankfully, have been accounted for," said Olive Stephens, spokeswoman for Ireland's Department of Transport. (AP)



DANGER ZONE

ATTACKING AROUND THE TURN

Easy holes at Congressional are difficult to find. When asked where the chances to make birdies were, Phil Mickelson said, "I thought 8 and 9 were the two birdie holes — and that's about it." Any strokes gained on those holes can be easily lost on the next two. Express asked the pros and Congressional's Director of Golf John Lyberger to break down this key stretch of holes.



PAR 4
489 YARDS

LYBERGER SAYS:

"There's not a lot of roll off the tee box. That area is the lowest on our golf course and is fairly soft. Driving it high down the left side and keeping it out of the left rough is the launching pad. That's the place where the ball will take off. But anything down the middle or close to those bunkers will get very little roll."

THE PRO SAYS:

"Eleven is a beast. It's critical that you put the ball in play there, and it's still going to be a long iron or some sort of rescue club into that green."

— OLIN BROWNE



PAR 4
354 YARDS

This dogleg right is the shortest par 4 on the course and one of the few true birdie opportunities. The green is small, just 30 yards deep, and is surrounded by five bunkers, making the approach shot the real challenge.

LYBERGER SAYS:

"When the pin is up front, you want to be back a little bit further, so you can hit a fuller shot in there, so you don't bring those bunkers into play. Because, really, there's not a lot of room between the bunkers and the pin."

THE PRO SAYS:

"The fairway's not too tight, so you can be aggressive. And you'll have not much in, so I think that will be where you can get in the scoring range inside 80 yards. Maybe you can play a bit more conservatively."

— STUART APPLEBY



PAR 5
602 YARDS

The longest hole on the course demands a perfect drive because of bunkers that line both sides of the fairway. Then, it intimidates players from going at the green in two with a deep gorge just in front of the green that funnels short balls back off the green.

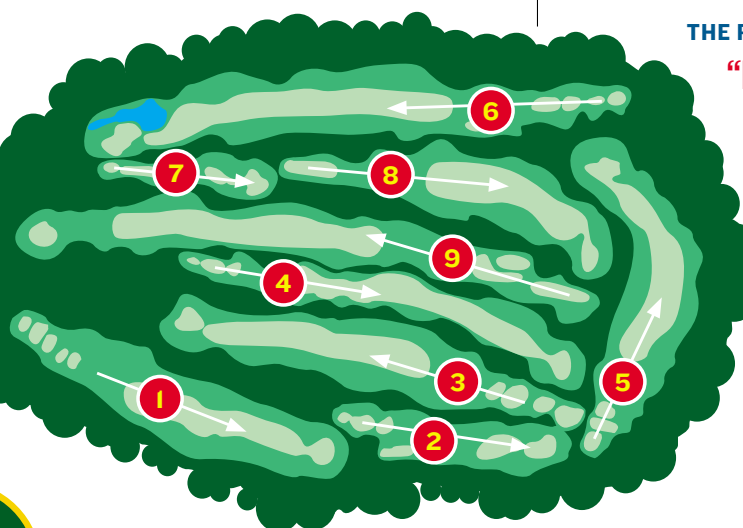
LYBERGER SAYS:

"It's a great place to spectate from because everyone has a wedge in their hands and they're all hitting from that 100-, 120-yard area and balls are spinning back."

THE PRO SAYS:

"You have to hit two really good shots just to get yourself in position to hit a third shot onto the green."

— FRED FUNK



PAR 3
218 YARDS

No. 10 has always been an intimidatingly long par 3 over water, but this year, the club lengthened it. The lake fronts a wide but shallow green that slopes back to the water.

LYBERGER SAYS:

"Obviously, the par 3 needs no introduction. It's awesome. ... It's such a challenging hole, and it's more picturesque going this way. The green sits down by the water. It's absolutely perfect."

THE PRO SAYS:

"No. 10 is a much harder hole than No. 18 ever was. Especially for the guys who tee off early, that's going to be a tough way to start — a 2-iron or a 3-iron to start off the day. If you find dry land, then it's a great thing."

— GEOFF OGILVY

TIGER WHO? ►► COMPETING WITH TIGER IS TOUGH, BUT THESE GUYS HAVE THE GAMES TO DO IT



Jim Furyk, 4-under

→ Furyk finished tied for fifth at the 1997 U.S. Open at Congressional, six strokes behind winner Ernie Els. On Thursday, Furyk picked up right where he left off, with five birdies and one bogey.



K.J. Choi, 4-under

→ Though he missed the cut at the U.S. Open this year, Choi won the Memorial two weeks earlier. He finished strong on Thursday, stroking birdies on two of his final four holes.



Vijay Singh, 3-under

→ Singh, a course veteran from the 1997 U.S. Open, might want to erase his memories of that tournament: He finished 21 shots over par, three spots out of last place.



Stuart Appleby, 4-under

→ Tied for the lead after the first round, Appleby, who finished 13 shots off the lead in the 1997 U.S. Open at Congressional, is the kind of player who can keep the ball out of the rough.



Geoff Ogilvy, 1-under

→ Joining fellow Australian Appleby on this list is Ogilvy, who won the U.S. Open last year at Winged Foot with a conservative approach. His low-risk style is a good fit for Congressional.

Acta's Still Standing

Injuries to his staff aren't enough to KO Nats' rookie manager

NATIONALS | If the Washington Nationals' management learned one thing about its rookie manager during the first half of the season, it is this: Manny Acta is one tough son of a gun.

A half-smile crept across his face earlier this week as it was announced that yet another starting pitcher was going on the disabled list. The latest victim, Micah Bowie,

in his second language.

The Nationals have placed 10 pitchers and four position players on the disabled list at various points during the season, a mighty handicap for a club predicted to be historically bad, even at full strength. Despite the injuries, the team's record is similar to where it was a year ago. That team included more established veterans on the mound and at the plate.

Keeping the team afloat, players say, is Acta.

"Coming into the season, everyone was predicting we'd lose 100-and-something games or some stupid number," left fielder Ryan Church said. "With all the unfortunate injuries we've had, he's kept reinforcing things to us and letting us know that we are a good team, just to go out and keep playing hard."

When veterans like Ryan Zimmerman, Austin Kearns and Felipe Lopez have struggled, unlikely characters like Dmitri Young and Ronnie Belliard have produced.

Under Manny Acta, the Nats have been bad, but not as bad as predicted.

When starting pitchers have gotten hurt — and only rookie Matt Chico hasn't — relievers or minor-league call-ups have been adequate to admirable in their places. This team may not be good, but it's better than expected.

"It could have turned out to be very ugly around here," Acta said. "If those guys would have bombed, we'd have been playing a lot of ugly games on an everyday basis."

Team officials have not hidden the fact that losing would be tolerated this year as the club rebuilds before moving into a new park on the Anacostia River next year. Perhaps Acta's most impressive feat is that he hasn't allowed such an attitude to permeate the clubhouse.

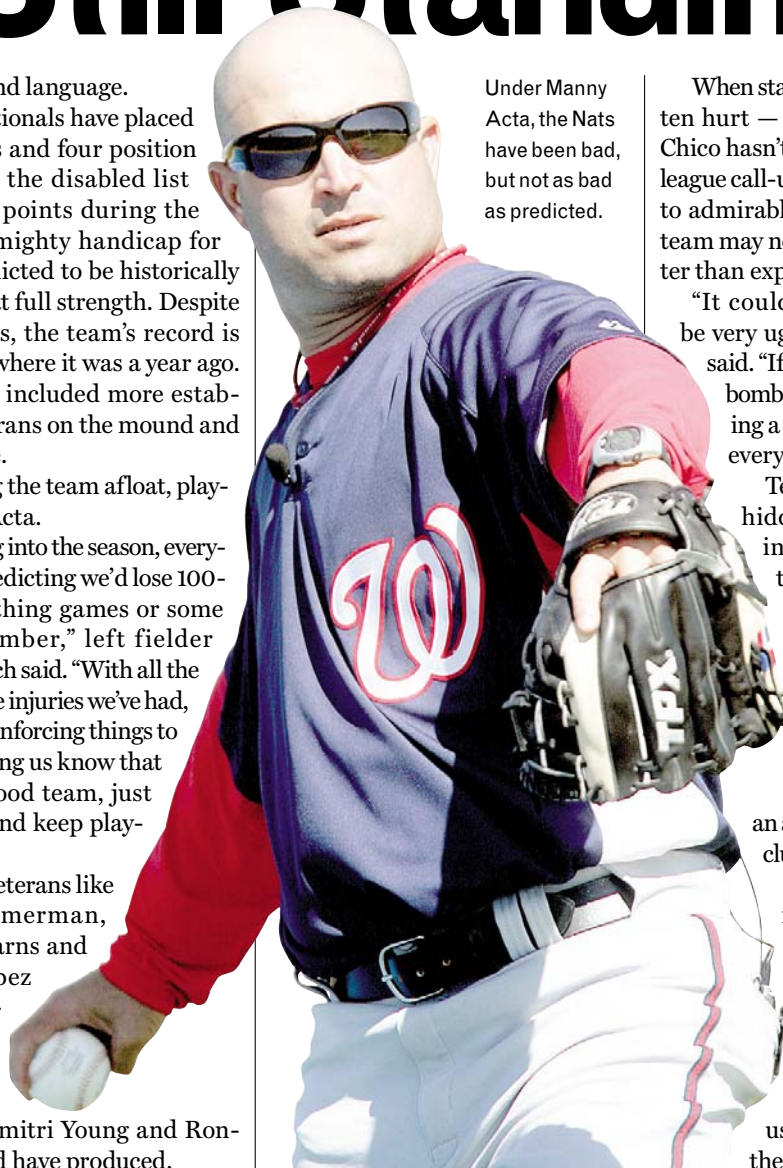
"We're going in the right direction, and he's the one that's been there for us," Church said. "He's always been positive, and I think that's really going to rub off on us in the second half of the season." **DEREK TURNER**

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had himself been a fill-in starter but had thrived in the new role.

So, as Acta awaited the coming questions, he wore the look of a fighter who has just taken 10 rounds of punishment and then realized he was still standing.

"When it comes down to injuries, it's been challenging," said Acta, a master of the understatement even



EVAN VUCCI/AP

PITCHING MATCHUPS



Mike Bacsik

→ Throws: Left
→ Fastball: 90 mph
→ Best Asset: Control

YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
'07 NL	50.1	4.65	2	5	61	26	14	17
'04 AL	15.2	4.60	1	1	16	8	1	6



Dave Bush

→ Throws: Right
→ Fastball: Low 90s
→ Best Pitch: Curveball

YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
'07 NL	100.1	5.11	6	7	112	57	22	73
'06 NL	210.0	4.41	12	11	201	103	38	166

GAME 1 Bacsik recorded his first win in more than a month when he beat Pittsburgh on July 1, giving up one run over six innings. Bush has struggled this season, posting an ERA more than half a run higher than his career average (5.11 vs. 4.43) while winning just six of his 16 starts.

GAME 2 Jeff Suppan vs. Jason Simontacchi

GAME 3 Chris Capuano vs. Tim Redding

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Searching for Mr. Clean

Amid doping scandals, Tour needs a winner not accused of cheating

CYCLING | With 2006 winner Floyd Landis fighting doping charges and cycling under intense pressure to clean up, the 189 riders scheduled to start the Tour de France on Saturday will be scrutinized more than ever.

Doping scandals have damaged the sport's credibility to such an extent that the July 7-29 race is starting without a defending champion and several other big-name riders are absent.

"Cycling must not only get its credibility back, but even more its dignity," Tour director Christian Prudhomme said in an interview. "It is a romantic sport which must be dignified. There are cyclists, managers, sponsors and organizers fighting for its dignity."

Ivan Basso and Landis are among the many riders either fired, suspended or under investigation for doping who won't be at the starting line in London. Others are trying to clear their names in time for the prologue near Trafalgar Square.

"Doping is the enemy of cycling and the enemy of the Tour de France," Prudhomme said. "Dop-



From left, Andreas Kloeden, Levi Leipheimer, Oscar Pereiro and Alexandre Vinokourov will try to restore dignity to cycling.

NOTES ON A SCANDAL

Doping suspicions are not new to these past Tour champions:

→ 2006 winner **Floyd Landis** is still fighting doping charges stemming from failed drug tests.

→ 1999-2005 champ **Lance Armstrong** was widely accused but never failed a test.

→ 1998 winner **Jan Ullrich** retired after being linked to doping.

ing brings a certain absence of suffering, which is at the opposite of the cycling myth."

Of the nearly 200 riders in this year's race, only Alexandre Vinokourov is considered a genuine favorite. The Kazakh rider is a dashing attacker. The wiry cyclist thrilled

spectators along Paris' Champs-Élysées on the final day in 2005, when, after attacking Lance Armstrong in the mountains, he still found the energy to win the final stage with a flourish.

Five of Vinokourov's teammates on Team Astana withdrew from last year's Tour because of Operation Puerto, and Vinokourov had to pull out because six riders are needed for a team to compete.

This year, Vinokourov said he already has been drug tested randomly several times by the International Cycling Union.

"Once before the Fleche Wallone, another time in Tenerife, at training, and at the start of April where I live in Monaco," Vinokou-

rov told sports daily L'Equipe on June 22. "If there was an anomaly, we would know, me the first. But I have not received no post to this day, no mail from the UCI."

Last year's runner-up, Oscar Pereiro, 2004 runner-up Andreas Kloeden and American Levi Leipheimer are dark horses this year. Pereiro will be declared the winner of last year's Tour de France if Landis loses his appeal.

The 2007 Tour could be an important milestone in cycling's fight against doping. If Leipheimer wins, he knows some will question whether he did it cleanly and thinks more has to be done "to convince everyone that not everyone is a cheater." **JEROME PUGMIRE (AP)**

Swengali

NATIONALS | BY MATT SWENSON

Acta Has Nats Looking Up

ISUSPECT WAITERS DON'T need to ask Nationals manager Manny Acta how he likes his eggs. The answer is obvious: sunny-side up.

The man is a perpetual optimist, always hoping the next day will be better than the last. And with the Nationals, that hardly is the case.

In fact, most days must feel pretty much the same in the Washington clubhouse.

Without question, the players can take pride in the fact that they've tried their hardest — yet professional sports are hardly about moral victories. Either the starting pitching falls apart early, or, as is more common now, the offense doesn't show up.

No matter, says Acta, who comes

Even with all the injuries, losses and frustration, there hasn't been a peep of controversy.

to RFK Stadium expecting to win every game. His attitude has clearly been imprinted on the players.

Even with all the injuries, losses and frustration, there hasn't been a peep of controversy. Ryan Zimmerman, Dmitri Young and company really seem to like playing for the skipper.

There was potential for a historically bad season in D.C. It's clear that won't happen, and the biggest reason is Acta's attitude.

I only hope Acta will be around long enough to enjoy some of the franchise's long-term success he is contributing to. After a while, losing gets old, and players tune out even the best of messages.

That's not a worry this year, though.

Despite the Nats' record, Acta should take pride in his work. He's earned a mighty breakfast or two.

Changing of the Freds Aids United

Brazilian proving more willing than Adu to be a sideline playmaker

UNITED | While Freddy bristled at the prospect of yielding the playmaking responsibilities to Christian Gomez and running the flanks for D.C. United, Fred appears to be settling into the demanding role quite well.

The 27-year-old Brazilian, similar in name but not in temperament to the famous teenage prospect, has accepted the challenge presented by a change in position and has been a key figure in United's surge to first place in the Eastern Conference.

Accustomed to attacking cen-



Fred, an Australian League import, has worked well with United point man Gomez.

trally, Fred arrived this spring from Australian champ Melbourne Victory with some fanfare knowing that Gomez, who on Thursday was one of the first 11 players selected to

the MLS all-star team that will play Celtic in two weeks, ran the show from the middle. After an adjustment period, the enterprising midfielder heads into Saturday's match

at Houston tied with Gomez for the club lead in assists (four).

Fred had little to say about the move: "I obviously feel more comfortable in the middle but I can play wherever the coach wants me to as long as the team is successful."

Thankfully for United (7-4-2), Fred offers a bit more on the field. He's creative, unpredictable and eager to go at defenders. He's also willing to work at the crossing and defending required of an outside midfielder, a position at which United has been unsettled for some time.

"I think he's made a lot of strides," D.C. coach Tom Soehn said. "He's definitely energetic going forward and he's got great ideas." **BRIAN STRAUS**

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Rafael Nadal overcame a two-set hole to beat Mikhail Youzhny on Thursday.

Nadal Battles Back, Advances to Quarters

Spaniard wins playing for the 4th straight day; Venus is in semis

TENNIS | Erasing a two-set deficit despite playing on a fourth consecutive day, Rafael Nadal came back to beat Mikhail Youzhny in five sets Thursday and reach the Wimbledon quarterfinals.

Nadal, the 2006 runner-up, picked up early service breaks in each of the final three sets to win 4-6, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

"After the first two sets, the next three sets maybe I play my

best game on grass in my life," Nadal said.

Venus Williams had a much easier time Thursday, playing outstanding tennis to reach the semifinals by beating No. 5 Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-3, 6-4. Williams will next face French Open finalist Ana Ivanovic, who defeated No. 14 Nicole Pietrangeli 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Ivanovic saved three match points and beginning with the last one, won 13 of 15 points. That sent her on her way to taking the match's last four games. It ended when Pietrangeli double-faulted for the sixth time. **CHRIS LEHOURITES (AP)**

Congressional Nightmare

No. 10's tee shot may be the scariest — until you get to the 18th

AT&T NATIONAL | Either Thursday or Friday, everyone playing at the AT&T National will start on hole No. 10 at Congressional Country Club. That means pulling out a long iron for the first swing of the day and lining up a tee shot over water at a green 218 yards away. The prospect can be downright scary.

"Well, you'd better — if you're in the morning and you're off No. 10, you'd better have a lot of warm-up time and you'd better drink your

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coffee," Notah Begay III said earlier this week.

It wasn't always this way. Up until last year, what is now the 10th hole was hole No. 18, a 190-yard

par-3 still over water. The change wasn't made just to give the pros nightmares. John Lyberger, Congressional's Director of Golf, said it helped ease congestion, broke up the monotony of playing the par-5 ninth followed by the par-5 10th (now No. 11, which is playing as a par-4 this week), and allowed the course to end on the club's signature hole, a sloping 466-yard par-4 into a peninsula green.

"It's one that has cost a couple of guys the U.S. Open," Tiger Woods said. "It's extremely fair, but it's tremendous. You have to hit a precise shot with everything on the line."

IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

Wizards Sign Young and Pecherov

WIZARDS | Nick Young and Oleksiy Pecherov signed contracts with the Wizards on Thursday, giving the team its first-round picks from the past two NBA drafts.

The team didn't announce the terms of either deal, but according to the NBA's rookie wage scale, Young is guaranteed two years at a total of about \$2.57 million, and



USC shooting guard Nick Young, left, signed with the Wizards on Thursday.

the Wizards hold options for two additional years.

Young, a 6-foot-7 guard-forward, was the 16th overall pick in last week's draft out of Southern California.

Pecherov, a 7-foot center, was drafted 18th overall in 2006. He played last season in the Ukraine.

"Both have good size, athleticism and the ability to score," Wizards president Ernie Grunfeld said. **(AP)**

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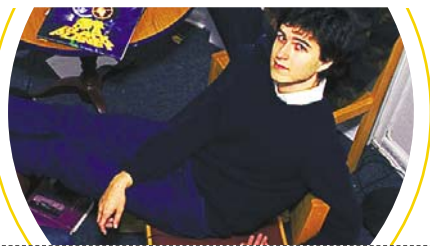


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Entertainment Weekend



UNHAPPY MARRIAGE: Mandy Moore, Robin Williams and John Krasinski join together in the disastrous "License to Wed."

License to Skip

You may want to pass on this must-miss romantic comedy

FILM | Here's how bad "License to Wed" is: Even the outtakes at the end are lame. It's exactly what it looks like from the commercials—a one-joke movie, and that one joke isn't even funny to begin with.

Robin Williams is constantly

straining as Reverend Frank, the minister from hell who forces the newly engaged Ben (John Krasinski) and Sadie (Mandy Moore) to undergo a sadistic marriage prep course before they can say "I do."

You'll wish you'd said: "I don't."

As in the similarly desperate "The Ex" and "You, Me & Dupree," Ben is the only one who recognizes that Reverend Frank's methods are

suspect; everyone else thinks he's great. This conceit grows old, like, immediately.

It is refreshing, though, to see a new face in Krasinski as the straight man in one of these wacky romantic comedies. The co-star of TV's "The Office" has unconventional good looks and an easy likability about him.

But this is the second flat, shrill chick flick Moore has starred in this

year, following "Because I Said So." We know from movies like "American Dreamz" and "Saved!" that there's more to her than her pretty, pop-star past would suggest. She just needs to choose roles that let her prove that. Meanwhile, Wanda Sykes, Bob Balaban and Grace Zabriskie are squandered here in bit parts.

So, here's the story, which bafflingly took four writers to concoct: Ben and Sadie meet awkwardly in line at Starbucks, fall in love and move in together. When he asks her to marry him—in front of everyone at her wealthy parents' 30th wedding anniversary party, which is also awkward—she says yes, but tells him it's been her lifelong dream to be wed at her family's church.

That's where Reverend Frank rules absolutely, with wannabe hipster slang tossed into his sermons and corny rhymes to teach the Ten Commandments ("Be chill, don't kill"). And before he'll marry any couple, he makes them pass his bizarrely intensive course, which he administers with his obnoxious, pint-sized choir boy sidekick.

And so Ben and Sadie can't have sex before the wedding, which Frank monitors by bugging their apartment, then eavesdropping on them in the back of a van with the choir boy in tow, which is just wrong. They have to argue with each other in an uncomfortable role-playing exercise. Ben is forced to try belly dancing in group couples therapy—it's just one contrived situation after another.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



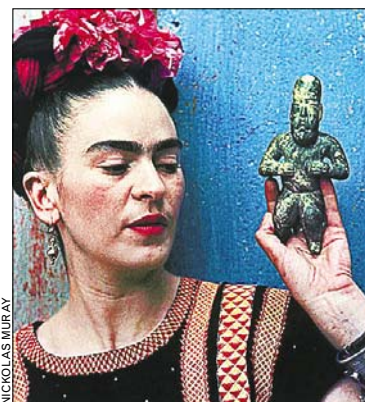
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What are the top picks for exhibits this weekend? I've done all the usual galleries, and I don't want to pay entry fees.

Try the birthday party that the National Museum of Women in the Arts is throwing for Frida Kahlo on Sunday. The bonus is that admission is free (usually \$10). Connor Contemporary is hosting a reception for its new show, "Academy 2007," which features works by newly-minted MFA grads.

→ *National Museum of Women in the Arts, 1250 New York Ave. NW; 8:30 p.m., free; 202-783-5000. (Metro Center)*

→ *Connor Contemporary, 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-588-8750 (Dupont Circle)*



Celebrate what would have been Frida Kahlo's 100th birthday this weekend.

Now that it's summer, I have a craving for soft-shell crabs. Anything budget-friendly?

I very much enjoyed the soft shells at Hank's Oyster Bar last week (for around \$20). They were sautéed and served with grapefruit, though the preparation changes pretty often. Also, Sushi-Ko in Glover Park has soft shells right now.

→ *Hank's Oyster Bar, 1624 Q St. NW; 202-462-HANK. (Dupont Circle)*

→ *Sushi-Ko, 2309 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-4817.*

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Does T.I. Still Wear the Crown?

The well-respected rapper tries to stay on top with No. 5

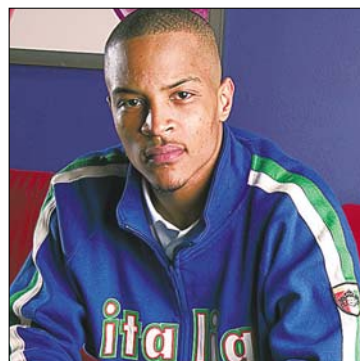
MUSIC | What's a rapper to do for an encore once he's already declared himself King of the South—and proved it?

The not-so-easy route would be to drop another hit-heavy set like last year's "King," which featured scintillating synth-heavy bangers, including the DJ Toomp-produced

"What You Know."

Instead, on his fifth disc, "T.I. vs. T.I.P.," the Atlanta MC attempts the melodramatic, but to mostly underwhelming results. Over the course of three acts, he pits his competing personas—T.I. the materialistic rapper, and T.I.P. the ornery gangsta—against each other. This disc essentially unfolds like past T.I. efforts: catchy hooks and his familiar slick boasts (but with fewer memorable punchlines).

The first act's thuggery sup-



The self-proclaimed King of the South slips slightly on "T.I. vs. T.I.P."

plies the disc's most compelling moments, with tracks such as the Wyclef Jean-produced "You Know What Is" and the sweeping "Watch What You Say to Me" featuring Jay-Z, which showcases T.I.'s tight-jawed threats. "Find out you talkin' tough in your song/when you see me you know what's up boy it's on."

T.I. saves the final act for a climatic face-off, but by this point it's clear that high drama is nothing but window-dressing.

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Weekend Entertainment

Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ
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FRIDAY

For months, we've been hearing about **IBIZA**, an enormous new nightclub that's opening near Fur on 1st Street NE, and after last week's false start, the public gets its first look tonight. Here are the essentials: There are seven bars and three rooms inside the 30,000-square-foot space, which also has a rooftop deck and its own Starbucks. The press releases talk about "lavish parties" and a "sexy, high-energy megaclub." We'll be drawing our own conclusions on that, but tonight's grand opening features DJ AM — known among the US Weekly set for dating Nicole Richie, and among DJs for keeping the party going by mashing up hip-hop, rock and '80s — and is hosted by "worldwide socialite" Kim Kardashian. (She's a friend of Paris Hilton's and has a sex tape. That's why she's "famous.") Oh, and the club's Web site wins the "unintentional irony" of the month award: The soundtrack to the flash animation about the party is Kayne West's "Stronger" — the new one with the Daft Punk sample — and as it's showing pictures of Kardashian, West is rapping about how "you should be honored by my lateness/that I would even show up to this fake [mess]."

If you're the kind of Afrobeat fan who loves groups like Chop-teeth and already has tickets to next week's Femi Kuti concert, you might dismiss New York City's Vampire Weekend as a bunch of preppy college kids who began adding African guitar rhythms and percussion to their indie rock after picking up Paul Simon's "Graceland" and some late-period Talking Heads records. To do so, though, is missing the point. The young, unsigned band's use of Afropop's chiming guitar styles and percolating bass is less of an attempt at cultural appropriation than a way to make straight-ahead, uptempo dance music that borrows as much from Brooklyn's indie rock scene as any world beat record picked up at a thrift store. And



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here's the thing: The results are good. Check "Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa," available on the band's MySpace page, which marries a Congolese-influenced guitar with lyrics about shyly hooking up on summer vacation. You're welcome to argue about whether Vampire Weekend's sound is authentic, but the rest of us at **THE RED AND THE BLACK** tonight will be too busy dancing to care.

The latest band to hop the reunion train? That would be DIY pioneers, outsider heroes, lo-fi legends — well, you get the point — Half Japanese.

It's not your typical reunion, as the band never really broke up, but they don't play together too much

these days. Half Japanese has been kicking around for more than 30 years, since brothers Jad and David Fair decided to write some songs in their bedroom in Uniontown, Md., and that spirit has remained over the course of their career.

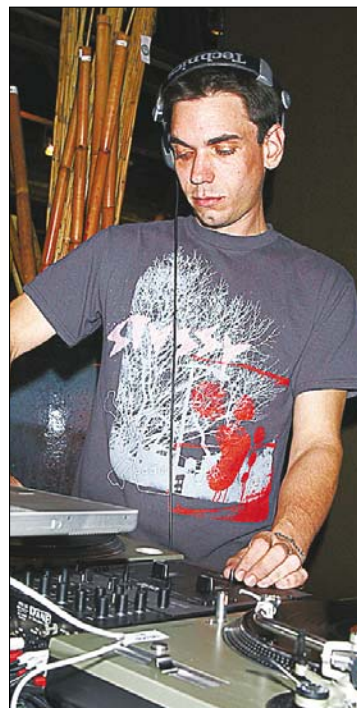
Fair's classic essay "How to Play Guitar" pretty much defines Half Japanese's M.O.

An excerpt: "The skinny strings play the high sounds, and the fat strings play the low sounds. If you put your finger on the string farther out by the tuning end it makes a lower sound. If you want to play fast, move your hand fast and if you want to play slower move your hand slower."

Take that, Mel Bay. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see the band's original incarnation at the **ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL**.

SATURDAY

The UnCalled 4 Experience is a tweener go-go band with vision. It understands the soul and funk legacy of older bands and the stripped-down intensity of the young'uns while also having a knack for the type of pop songwriting that can yield a radio hit. (Refer to its local smash "Sexy Lady" for evidence.) UnCalled 4 is carving out its own lane with a presentation that aims to place its brand of go-go on the same shelf as popular modern R&B. Go-go will be taking over the **HERITAGE INDIA LOUNGE** tonight as UnCalled 4 rocks with Mambo Sauce.



DJ AM is so much more than Nicole Richie's ex. Check him out at Ibiza.

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Summertime Slump

Seasonal cinema isn't drawing the crowds originally expected

IN THEATERS | Summertime in Hollywood is not as hot as it looked at the beginning.

While the three May blockbusters — Sony's "Spider-Man 3," DreamWorks Animation's "Shrek the Third" and Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" — have combined for nearly \$1 billion in domestic revenue, overall business and movie attendance are well below the record pace many show business types had expected.

In fact, attendance is running behind last summer's and has even fallen below that of summer 2005, a year of box-office duds that had some analysts predicting audiences were abandoning movie houses in favor of home theaters and other entertainment options.

With studios offering a stronger late-season lineup than normal this year, attendance likely will pick up and lift Hollywood to a respectable summer. Still, early forecasts that Hollywood would have its first \$4 billion summer now look like



PERHAPS A "TITANIC" SEQUEL? Movies like "Shrek the Third," "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," "Spider-Man 3" and "Ratatouille" did well this summer, but even together they did not produce the numbers studio executives were hoping for.

wishful thinking.

Through last Sunday, the industry had pulled in \$1.9 billion since the first weekend in May, according to box-office tracker Media By Numbers. About half of that came from the third "Spider-Man," "Shrek" and "Pirates" flicks.

"You can't have a summer's fortunes riding on the backs of three films. I looked at these three films in May and said, 'Oh, record summer,' like everyone else did," said Paul Dergarabedian, Media by Numbers president. "Three or four big movies does not make for a record

summer. You have to have a solid bullpen or backfield to support the weight of those big blockbusters to build up the overall box office."

Modern Hollywood's best summer for revenues came in 2004, when the industry took in \$3.95 billion domestically for the entire

season. Based on admission prices, which rise every year, the best summer for actual movie attendance was 2002, with 653 million tickets sold.

The industry is well behind both those records this summer. Through Sunday, 279 million tickets had been sold, compared with 315 million in 2002, according to Media by Numbers. This summer's \$1.9 billion in revenue is also shy of the record pace in 2004, when receipts were at \$2.04 billion at this point.

While revenues this season are ahead of the \$1.8 billion pace during the snoozy summer of 2005, attendance is down 4 million.

The slow summer has not been for lack of hits. Along with the big-three blockbusters, Universal's comedy "Knocked Up," the Warner Bros. casino caper "Ocean's Thirteen" and 20th Century Fox's superhero saga "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer" all have topped \$100 million.

Disney's animated "Ratatouille" and Fox's action tale "Live Free or Die Hard" both got off to solid starts last weekend.

And while there have been some underachievers such as Universal's comedy "Evan Almighty," Sony's animated "Surf's Up" and the Warner Bros. mystery "Nancy Drew," Hollywood has yet to deliver an outright bomb this summer.

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DYING HARDEST: The last (so they say) of John McClane's bad cop adventures, "Live Free or Die Hard," has Bruce Willis harkening back to his younger days.

**Now
Playing**

ANGEL-A (R, 91 minutes) This film, in which punk André (Jamel Debbouze) finds moral redemption courtesy of a miniskirted model (Rie Rasmussen), fails to elicit its intended poignancy. André, a Frenchman of North African heritage, is in hock to gangsters. Attempting suicide from a Paris bridge, he finds himself saving the aforementioned woman, who's also floundering in the Seine. In gratitude, she offers to help him with his problems with the hoods. (DT)

AVENUE MONTAIGNE (R, 100 minutes) This delicately charming fable set in Paris offers the kind of experience we secretly crave when we visit any great city: meaningful encounters with its people. At the center is Jessica (Cécile De France), a sweethearted gamine from the provinces who has just arrived in the capital. This vicarious sojourn in Paris leaves us with souvenirs that few real trips could ever produce. (DT)

BROOKLYN RULES (R, 99 minutes) In this 1980s-set story of three friends who grow up in the shadow of the mob, longtime "Sopranos" writer Terence Winter builds a framework of clichés. Freddie Prinze Jr. plays the smart one who tries to make a go of it in the conventional world. Scott Caan—all but invoking real-life father James Caan's Sonny in "The Godfather"—plays the tough guy turned mafia apprentice. And Jerry Ferrara is the salt of the earth whose only ambition is to marry the girl next door. The storylines are too predictable to help the movie break free of its

imitative soul. (DT)

CRAZY LOVE (PG-13, 92 minutes) When Elizabeth Barrett Browning said she'd count the ways she could love someone, she never quite made it to No. 11: "I shall love thee so entirely that if thou leavest me, I shall throw acid in thy face." But that's the story of Burt Pugach and Linda Riss of the Bronx, N.Y., as told in Dan Klores's documentary, and here's the nut-root part: Sixteen years after he had three thugs toss lye on her and it ate away her eyes and hair, Linda married Burt. (SH)

DOA: DEAD OR ALIVE (PG-13, 87 minutes) This movie is for the video game-savvy preteen and young teen sets that wish they were old enough to see R movies. Until they reach that magic age, they'll have to content themselves with these bikini-clad martial artists with zero body fat, curvaceous body parts and exclamation-point cleavage. The toned and endowed include Jaime Pressly, Holly Valance and Devon Aoki (as the hyper-dangerous Princess Kasumi) on the female side and Steve Howey as a goofy programmer. (DT)

EAGLE VS SHARK (R, 88 minutes) This movie fits into a small niche of films generally unloved by the larger public: "hopeless nerds muddle through" movies. Those tired unto death of 'splosions and big gooeey computer-generated monsters might well put some time into this one and remember that there are actual human beings out there in reality. The reality in question is New Zealand, and our love birds are Jarrod (Jemaine Clement) and Lily (Loren Horsley). She works at a fast-food joint; he's the guru of a computer store. The movie isn't slick by any means and in certain ways seems almost childish. And it isn't funny in any big way so much as recognizable in its

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patterns of dysfunction, delusion and futility. But you believe in it, because you believe in the small but decent lives of its characters. (SH)

EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG, 95 minutes) The frail idea that supports the most expensive comedy ever made is that a freshman congressman (Steve Carell) of good-hearted earnestness but unbelievable naivete is designated by God (Morgan Freeman) as Noah: The Sequel. Director Tom Shadyac doesn't seem to grasp what's special about Carell: the comic actor's thin, wavery voice, earnest mien, awesome repression and fundamental decency to great effect. He seems to think Carell is a physical comedian and wastes almost a half-hour on endless I-hit-my-thumb stuff. Then he diverts to animal humor and overlabored poop jokes. And finally, the flood. Oh, I know it's a fantasy, it's a joke, nobody should take it seriously. But still, the extensive mayhem by tsunami that Shadyac unleashes is portrayed as comic and casualty-free, but of course adults can't help but be disturbed by imagery of a catastrophe that would have cost many thousands of lives being dismissed so casually. (SH)

EVENING (PG-13, 117 minutes) This multi-generational romance, with traces of tragedy, comes garnished with impeccable good taste and literary pretensions. Adapted from the Susan Minot novel, it stars Vanessa Redgrave as Ann Grant Lord, a woman on her deathbed who is reliving her first love while her adult daughters (Toni Collette and Natasha Richardson) look on. Claire Danes plays young Ann, a bohemian woman who, during the wedding weekend of her best friend, falls for the right guy, breaks the heart of the wrong guy and discovers that the rich are different from you and me, if only because the sticks up their posteriors are made of better wood. It is a terribly refined, painstakingly composed study in aristocratic angst that audiences will be hard-pressed to believe a word of. (AH)

FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG, 92 minutes) This is surely the dullest of Hollywood's many comic-book-derived summer movies. Sentient humans should stay away; all others may enter confident that their IQs are already in the Chernobyl-fried range and will not be affected, except for downward. So many flaws, so little time. The movie has too much plot, not enough sense, no personality, action sequences that die wheezing and slobbering like an old dog, and nothing that isn't generic,



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"THE TREATMENT" gets this year's Rip Van Winkle award. An urbane romantic comedy set in New York City, it seems unaware that Woody Allen has already spent 40 years mining most of the funny stuff to be found in repressed Manhattanites who can't commit to relationships and whose spirited sessions with their analysts amount to postmodern comic relief. Had filmmaker Oren Rudavsky (who co-adapted Daniel Menaker's 1998 comic novel of the same name) come up with something original, this apparent oversight would have been fine. But the movie's slow-boiling redemption of a schoolteacher (Chris Eigeman) as he tries to get over a breakup and his contentious relationship with a verbally piquant Argentine shrink (a spirited but not especially memorable Ian Holm) simply aren't enough to break free of the clichés. (DT)

stereotypical or without personality or vitality. (SH)

1408 (PG-13, 94 minutes) Listen up, all you "Hostels," "Saws" and other purveyors of bloody terror. Lay down your whips, chain saws and paring knives to watch a truly scary movie. Granted, this movie, starring John Cusack and based on a Stephen King short story, is a ghost story, technically speaking. But both genres trade in the same black art: the manipulation of the audience's innermost fears. When Mike Enslin (Cusack), a haunted-house guidebook writer, checks into Room 1408 of the Dolphin Hotel, he learns that familiar objects, such as the clock radio, the Bible and the phone can become instruments of alarming menace. Mike has to enter the tortured past that he's trying to forget, and we realize we are entering Mike's soul and, in a way, our own. Every beat of the film is weighted with significance, and our mounting dread becomes almost intolerable. (DT)

GOLDEN DOOR (PG-13, 118 minutes) Set in the early 20th century, the story about a Sicilian peasant named Salvatore who sets off for America to find his brother and the elusive dream of prosperity and

personal peace has been told so many times that yet another movie about it may seem redundant at best, a derivative cliché at worst. But Italian director Emanuele Crialese has infused the age-old plot with dazzling visual style, dollops of magical realism and profound emotional truth. As the impoverished but indomitable Salvatore, Vincenzo Amato is a revelation in an almost wordless performance. (AH)

GYPSY CARAVAN (Unrated, 110 minutes) Imagine the "Buena Vista Social Club" of Romany music and you get the idea behind this affectionate portrait of a group of Roma musicians during a 2001 tour of the United States. Comprising five bands from four countries, the Gypsy Caravan tour celebrated the rich, diverse but also eerily consistent musical traditions of the Roma, commonly (and pejoratively) known as Gypsies, who originated in India and began migrating to Europe and North Africa nearly 1,000 years ago. Today, about 10 million Roma live around the world, often impoverished and stigmatized by their surrounding communities. That painful history is everywhere,

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evident in the music—both mournful and joyful—that propels this film. Viewers are urged to grab an aisle seat, the better to dance when the music moves them—as it surely will. (A-)

HOSTEL: PART II (R, 92 minutes) Unsuspecting backpackers in Europe were lured to their deaths in secret torture chambers in 2005's "Hostel." And in this sequel, the systematic slaughter continues as three young American women find themselves captured, chained and prepped for the sick desires of high-paying American customers in Slovakia. What's especially sickening about this movie is not just that it revels in gore but also in the tortured anguish of the victims as they anticipate the saws, chainsaws and other grim instruments about to disfigure, maim and ultimately kill them. (D-)

HOT FUZZ (R, 121 minutes) The hilarious zombie satire "Shaun of the Dead" seemed to arrive out of nowhere in 2004, written by actor Simon Pegg and co-written and directed by Edgar Wright, two Brits best known for supporting roles and TV work, respectively. The team is back with this takeoff on Hollywood action flicks at their most ludicrous-

ly macho. Pegg plays a by-the-book police sergeant named Nicholas Angel, who is transferred to a little town called Sandford. There, he is teamed with a dullard named Danny Butterman (Nick Frost), and a series of mysterious deaths transpires. (A-)

KNOCKED UP (R, 125 minutes) Katherine Heigl (TV's "Grey's Anatomy") plays Alison, an up-and-coming TV executive who, celebrating her promotion one night, gets drunk and ends up in bed with a dumpy slacker named Ben, played by Seth Rogen. There's a big misunderstanding about a condom, and, bingo, their one-night stand turns into a nine-month nightmare of facing the music and growing up fast. What a drag, except that in the hands of Judd Apatow ("Freaky and Geeks," "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"), this movie turns out to be not just rude, crude and outrageously funny but a deceptively sophisticated meditation on moral agency--with pot jokes! Heigl and Rogen never generate enough chemistry for the audience to believe they're going to make it (or that they should), but that's almost beside the point for a comedy that so winningly believes in getting credit for trying to do the right thing. (A-)

LA VIE EN ROSE (PG-13, 103 minutes) This sprawling and passionate film about the miserable life of French singing idol Edith Piaf ought to be a lousy movie. It com-

mits too many of the sins of the hackneyed biopic about an artist, verging on melodrama at times while flirting with the dubious proposition that great pain drives great art. There are awful, silly scenes that ought to be on the cutting-room floor. But they work. Olivier Dahan's film is both faithful to and freewheeling with the facts of Piaf's life. (P-)

LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG-13, 130 minutes) An angry webmaster and his hacker minions are busy executing a system-wide monkey wrench that will bring the entire country to its techno-dependent knees. The FBI, on the trail of hacker minion Matt Farrell (Justin Long), asks New York cop John McClane (Bruce Willis) to bring him in for questioning. Thus does Our Man McClane, who began offing terrorists 19 years ago in the very first "Die Hard" (this is the fourth), find himself doing battle with the new cyber-version of the baddies, as he and Matt wend their way down I-95 to Washington while the entire country's transportation, communication and utility systems go blooey. At a time when the action genre has come to be dominated by sleek, matte surfaces and set-'em-and-forget-'em computerized effects, this sequel seeks to remind viewers of the simple, nostalgic pleasures of watching stuff get blown up and bad guys get smoked. (A-)

A MIGHTY HEART (R, 100 minutes) A mournful sense of inevitability pervades

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Remy the rat aspires to be a French chef in Pixar's crowd-pleaser, "Ratatouille."

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this film, in which Angelina Jolie stars as Mariane Pearl, whose husband, Daniel, a Wall Street Journal reporter, was kidnapped in Pakistan and beheaded. The movie, an adaptation of Mariane's memoir, brings that tragedy back with brutally vivid detail as a taut, meticulously crafted police procedural. Director Michael Winterbottom brings all his talents to bear on a densely layered portrait, not just of one woman but of a city. With hand-held cameras and a fearless sense of urgency and spontaneity, he plunges viewers into the impossible beauty of Karachi, conveying both its fascination for foreign correspondents like the Pearls, but also the daunting, needle-in-a-haystack task of finding Danny. It is an epic romance, at once doomed and full of hope, about two people in love with the world, even when it didn't love them back. (AH)

MR. BROOKS (R, 120 minutes) Our Mr. Brooks seems to have everything, yet our Mr. Brooks, the Thumbprint Killer, has been driving the Portland, Ore., cops mad for years. And when I tell you he's played by Kevin Costner, your teeth will fall out. The movie features Costner at his most unlikely, as a suave, assured, in-control psycho killer. The movie is a lot like the character Costner plays: suave, assured, in control and morally repugnant. You have to make peace with the idea that the film asks you to empathize with an executioner on the grounds of his style and to select him over another, less couth would-be killer. Can you do that? If you can't, best stay far away. (SH)

NANCY DREW (PG, 90 minutes) Emma Roberts was the best thing about the otherwise forgettable "Aquamarine" last year, and she takes the deserved

lead in this film, based on the classic mystery series that brings the eponymous girl detective into the 21st century without sacrificing her old-school charm and gumption. Throughout, Roberts's Nancy retains her smarts, aplomb, composure and ramrod-straight posture, with a wardrobe that is an oasis of Talbots in a desert of Hot Topic. The movie manages to navigate the era of cellphones and Mean Girls with retro nostalgia and wholesomeness, making it a rare girl-powered outing for tweens in an otherwise guy-centric summer. (AH)

OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG-13, 118 minutes) This movie, the third in a series of hipster capers, ripped off from the original Sinatra Rat Pack hipster caper in the '60s, returns the usual suspects to their usual positions doing their usual shtick in their usual venue. Abandoning the Europe of "Twelve," it's once again about a big Vegas casino takedown. The Ocean gang's scam this time is in retaliation for Pacino's Willie Bank muscling poor Reuben Tishkoff (Elliot Gould) out of his property, his legacy and his health. And, oh, yeah, you've got both Brad Pitt and George Clooney, but they just sort of stand there, Pitt eating, Clooney looking like he lost the script and hoping nobody notices, until he remembers: Oh, yeah, there wasn't any script. (SH)

ONCE (R, 85 minutes) Glen Hansard, of the Irish band the Frames, makes an improbably electrifying screen debut in this sweet, small musical set in Dublin. Director John Carney puts Hansard and his lovely co-star, the Czech singer Marketa Irglova, in various settings — an instrument shop, a winey dinner party, the back of a bus — where breaking into song makes a certain amount of sense. Even the uninitiated will be hard-pressed to resist the movie's charms, from

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its likable leading players and its charming Dublin setting to its wistful take on modern love. (AH)

PAPRIKA (R, 90 minutes) This movie may be a collective nightmare for its animated characters, but for viewers it's a heady flight through the unfathomable mystery of dreams themselves. Part film noir, part sci-fi and mostly inventive fantasy, the Japanese film imagines a futuristic world in which dream machines have shattered the borders between dreams and reality.

ty. A head-fitting device known as the DC Mini, which enters and monitors patients' dreams for psychotherapeutic purposes, has fallen into evil hands. Suddenly, everyone's dreams and nightmares become a social menace. Based on a popular novel of the same name, the movie bombards us with so many overlapping fantasies, it's hard -- and in many ways, beside the point -- to keep up with the plot. It's best appreciated by assuming something of a dream state ourselves and enjoying the giddy flow. (DT)

PARIS, JE T'AIME (R, 120 minutes) This anthology of 18 short films about Paris by some of cinema's hottest directors too often devolves into scenes of romance

whose resolutions veer from the tritely precious to the preciously trite -- but hang in there, it gets better. Alfonso Cuarón delivers a fabulous tracking shot of what turns out to be a shocking liaison; Richard LaGravenese executes a similarly witty reversal in his bonbon starring Bob Hoskins and Fanny Ardant. Then proceed directly to Tom Tykwer's miniature morphology of a romance (starring Natalie Portman), followed by the great Ben Gazzara and Gena Rowlands duking it out over glasses of a good Bordeaux. (AH)

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG-13, 168 minutes) Funnier, bigger, brighter, bolder, this sequel

is not only OK, it may even be close to good. A lavish spectacle illuminated by Johnny Depp's swishing pirate captain, the movie has its dull moments, but not many. Our hero from films one and two, Capt. Jack Sparrow (Depp), is dead. Not to worry; there are no rules and no reason why he can't be fetched from the grim land he now inhabits. A real-world crisis threatens the pirates, so Jack's comrades (Keira Knightley, Orlando Bloom and the great Geoffrey Rush) decide he must be rescued to sail the Black Pearl to victory. (SH)

PRIVATE FEARS IN PUBLIC PLACES (Unrated, 120 minutes) Adapted from an Alan Ayckbourn play, this film by 85-

year-old French director Alain Resnais is a subtle comedy of manners, about six people looking for love, that examines the passing ironies of life, or these people's lives in particular, as they tackle their emotional problems. As with so many of Resnais' films, the movie unfolds with a mysterious mastery. Even when we don't understand the director's specific purposes, we are stirred by his gorgeous images, stirring mise-en-scène (Paris seems to be a reddish, glowing series of Hollywood-style soundstages) and the note-perfect performances of Resnais's cast, many of whom are recurring presences in his film, including André Dussollier, Pierre Arditi and

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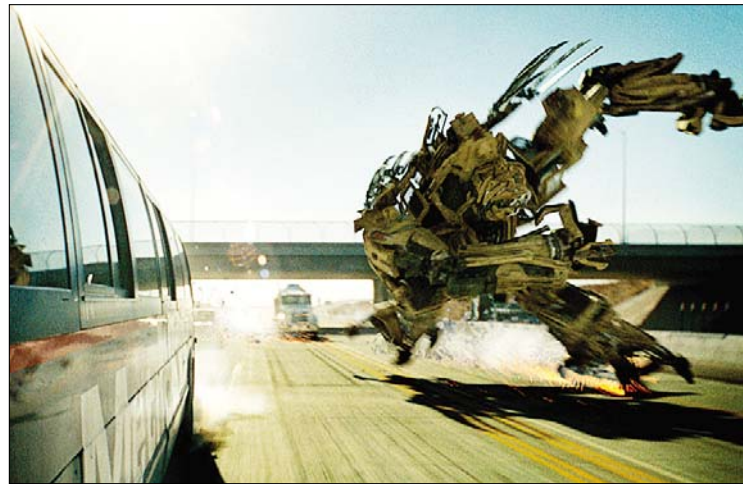
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RATATOUILLE (G, 110 minutes) A production of Walt Disney and Pixar Animation Studios, this movie has a three-dimensional, so-real-you-can-touch-it quality, with characters that seem more like tactile puppets than two-dimensional beings. And it harks back to Disney's older era, when cartoons seemed part of a more elegant world with less edgy characters. Remy (voice of Patton Oswalt) is a rat with a gourmet's sense of taste and smell, a skill set that means nothing to his fel-

low scavengers. When he becomes fixated with the writings of celebrated master chef Gusteau, his heart swells with grand purpose. Through an entertaining series of calamities, Remy literally lands in Gusteau's very kitchen. Observed mostly from Remy's rat's-eye view, Gusteau's kitchen is a memorable world-in-miniature with its vivid old-fashioned stoves, bright, brassy pots and general air of frenzied industry; never did sliced red onions or simmering soup look so fresh and real. (DT)

SHREK THE THIRD (PG, 93 minutes) This sequel's humor is all in the business and nowhere in the lame story's two subplots. In one, Shrek (voiced by



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Mike Myers) becomes king upon the death of the frog king of Far Far Away. He doesn't like it and goes in search of a kid named Arthur who is the real heir to the throne. Meanwhile, the disgruntled Prince Charming (Rupert Everett) is plotting a coup. So, the movie cuts between Shrek's adventures and the revolutionary politics of Far Far Away, which culminate in Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) and her court being imprisoned. Shrek and the boy king (Justin Timberlake) return and run a counter-coup, which climaxes in—this is where it gets a little weird—a huge musical comedy number. (SH)

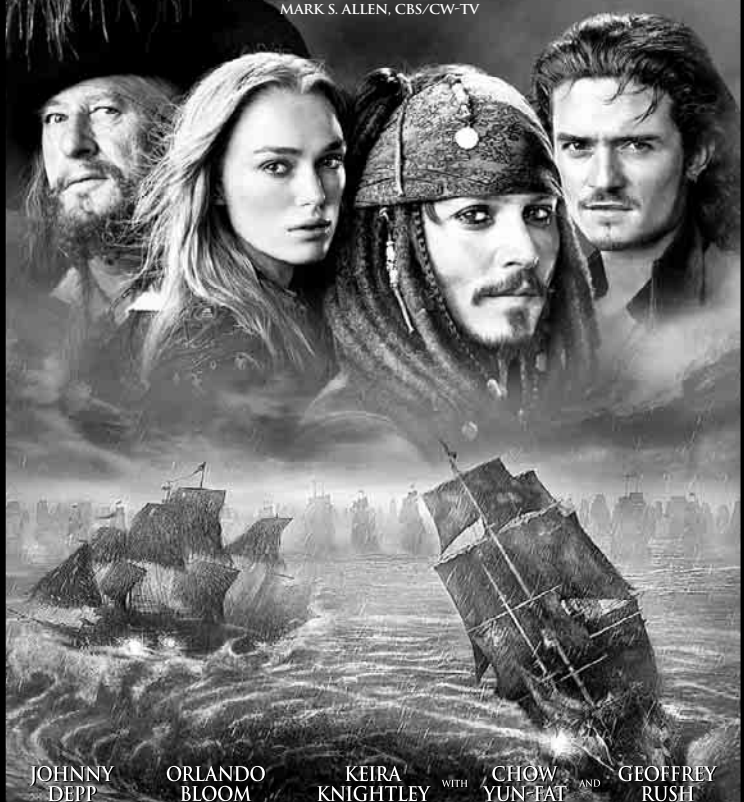
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12:15, 12:45, 3:05, 3:45,

5:45, 7:25, 8:30, 10:00

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12:05, 12:35, 3:00, 3:40,

5:50, 7:20, 8:40, 10:10

FANTASTIC FOUR:

RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)

12:20, 2:45, 5:25, 7:40, 9:50

EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)

1:00, 3:25, 5:55, 8:10, 10:25

1408 (PG-13)

12:40, 3:20, 6:00, 8:20, 10:45

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12:10, 2:55, 5:35

SURF'S UP (PG)

12:25, 2:50, 5:30, 7:45, 9:45

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KNOCKED UP (R)

1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10

NANCY DREW (PG)

11:35, 1:55, 4:35, 7:05, 9:40

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN:

AT WORLD'S END (PG-13)

6:10, 9:35

SHREK THE THIRD (PG)

11:25, 1:40, 3:55, 6:10, 8:25

SURF'S UP (PG)

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7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30

YOU KILL ME (R)

2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

EVENING (PG-13)

1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00

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1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40

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4:30, 7:15, 9:40

EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG) 5:15, 7:15

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Moore's investigation into and indictment of the U.S. health care system turns out to be a fuzzy, toothless collection of anecdotes, a few stunts and a bromide-rich conclusion. The problem: He never goes for the big picture. He has some fun (and gives some fun) with what might be called inciting incidents—metaphorical examples, up-close-and-personals with the aggrieved, some muck-raking and the like. But in the end, it's as if he's afraid of losing his audiences with charts, numbers and assessments from neutral sources. Moore never interviews actual veterans of the system: doctors, nurses, administrators—only the victims. Thus, we get a bottom-up, not a top-down or a full-frontal view of the

creaking system. (SH)

SPIDER-MAN 3 (PG-13, 140 minutes) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst and James Franco reunite in the third installment of the Spidey story, which is still dominated by father figures, sexual competition and revenge. Peter's erstwhile best friend, Harry (Franco), is still convinced that Peter killed his dad. (AH)

SURF'S UP (PG, 82 minutes) This is a nifty family movie with enough of a new-old look and fresh vocal talent to make it a refreshing break from summer retreads. Shia LaBeouf voices teenage penguin Cody Maverick, who longs to leave his fish-sorting job and ride the tubes with his surfing heroes. When Cody makes the acquaintance of a comely lifeguard (Zoëy Deschanel) and a crusty old salt (Jeff Bridges), he finds there are bigger things in life than winning. It's an old story, but directors Ash Brannon and Chris Buck infuse it with terrific wit and

energy. (AH)

TRANSFORMERS (PG-13, 144 minutes) The Hasbro toys inspired an animated TV series and movie 20 years ago, and this version essentially is another cartoon, though it's live-action seamlessly blended with an overload of computer-generated effects. In case you missed the 1980s, Transformers are giant, sentient robots made up of a gazillion moving parts that shift around to turn the big guys into all sorts of things—vehicles, jet planes, helicopters and such. Director Michael Bay's tale has the good-guy Autobots and their evil foes the Decepticons duking it out on Earth. (BT)

WAITRESS (PG-13, 104 minutes) Keri Russell has a fine turn as the title character in writer/director/co-star Adrienne Shelly's witty fable about a Southern gal married to an abusive dolt named Earl (Jeremy Sisto). (PAUL FARHI)

YOU KILL ME (R, 92 minutes) The Krzeminski crime family is losing its turf, and their hit man, Frank, has more intimate problems, namely the quart of gin he drinks—every half-hour. When he sleeps through a hit, the benevolent Roman Krzeminski (Philip Baker Hall) orders that he be sent to San Francisco to dry out. That's the black joke at the center of this acerbic, mordant noir tickler from director John Dahl: If AA can restore fallen sinners to sainthood, it can also restore fallen saints to sinnerhood. Dahl is a wonderful filmmaker with a number of equally small-scale but superior crime-based entertainments. (SH)

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Fun facts and practical information about on **SCIENCE OF SUMMER** (9 p.m., National Geographic, Fri.), a program that shows how you can prevent heat- stroke and explains the reasons behind the “ice cream headache.”



“Harry Potter” on the Family channel.

OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD

Cheryl is assigned to work with her ex on **STANDOFF** (9 p.m., Fox, Fri.).

STEAL THE BACON

Restaurant robberies just don't add up on **NUMB3RS** (10 p.m., CBS, Fri.).

CARSON CARES

Ann Curry and Carson Daly host coverage of **LIVE EARTH: THE CONCERT FOR A CLIMATE IN CRISIS** (8 p.m., NBC, Sat.) from Giants Stadium in New Jersey.

CHILI DOGS AND ROLLER COASTERS

The Food network offers a high-calorie tour of America's thrill rides, theme parks and tourist attractions on **AMUSEMENT PARK EATS** (9 p.m., Food, Sat.).

NOT WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE

Actor and comedian Robert Wuhl conducts another lesson on **ASSUME THE POSITION 201** (10 p.m., HBO, Sat.), a

myth-shattering take on history presented like a lecture in front of real students.

OSCAR-WINNING MONOLOGUE

Whitaker hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.), featuring musical guest Keith Urban.

SPOILED GIRLS WHINING

Lavish parties predominate on **SUPER SWEET 16: THE MOVIE** (12 p.m., MTV, Sun.).

NOT SO DESPERATE NOW

Susan gets a surprise during a romantic getaway on **DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES** (9 p.m., ABC, Sun.)

CRAZY PILLS?

Bill (Ed O'Neill) receives odd instructions from his magic bird, Zippy, on **JOHN FROM CINCINNATI** (9 p.m., HBO, Sun.).

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	WDCA	20	Judge Judy [CC]	Judge Joe Brown	Scrubs [CC]	Scrubs [CC]	*** "RoboCop" (1987, Science Fiction)	Peter Weller, Nancy Allen. [CC]	Still Standing [CC]	Still Standing [CC]	Malcolm-Mid.		Malcolm-Mid.												
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BASIC CABLE	A&E		Cold Case Files "Kidnapped" [CC]		CSI: Miami "Camp Fear" [CC]		CSI: Miami "Felony Flight" [CC]		CSI: NY "Manhattan Manhunt" [CC]		Intervention "Antwahn and Billy"		Intervention "Follow-Up Special"												
	Animal		The Crocodile Hunter Diaries [CC]		The Planet's Funniest Animals [CC]		It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	Growing Up... "Seal" [CC]		Animal Cops Detroit "From the Brink"		The Planet's Funniest Animals [CC]												
	BET		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live [CC]		The 5ive (N)		BET Awards '07 From Los Angeles. [CC]						Jamie Foxx												
	Bravo		(5:30) ** "Crocodile Dundee II" (1988) Paul Hogan, Linda Kozlowski. [CC]				** "Major League" (1989) Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen. Premiere. [CC]				** "Major League" (1989, Comedy) Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen. [CC]														
	Comedy		(4:30) "My Stepmother Is an Alien"	Scrubs [CC]	Scrubs [CC]	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Mind of Mencia	Com.-Presents	Dave Attell's Insomniac Tour Las Vegas stand-up. [CC]															
	Court		World's Wildest Police Videos [CC]	Cops [CC]	Cops [CC]	Most Shocking "Under Siege"		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	North Mission		The Investigators												
	Discovery		Man vs. Wild The heat in Moab, Utah.	Man vs. Wild Rain forest. [CC]		Man vs. Wild "Sierra Nevada"		Man vs. Wild Australia's outback. (N)		Man vs. Wild "The Rockies"		Deadliest Catch "Crossing the Line"													
	DISCH		Cole Blue "Rite of Passage" [CC]	Impact: Stories of Survival [CC]		Critical Hour [CC]		Dr. G. Medical Examiner [CC]		Skeleton Stories Decomposing body.		Critical Hour [CC]													
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	FX		** "Wrong Turn" (2003, Horror) Desmond Harrington, Eliza Dushku.				*** "Double Jeopardy" (1999, Suspense) Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd.		*** "Double Jeopardy" (1999, Suspense) Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd.																
	HGTV		Look What I Did!	Extreme Homes	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me [CC]	Get It Together	Curb Appeal (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	Parents House												
	Family		8 Simple Rules [CC]	8 Simple Rules	Grounded for Life	*** "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001) Daniel Radcliffe. J.K. Rowling's student wizard has his first adventure. [CC]							The 700 Club [CC]												
	History		UFO Files [CC]	Our Generation	Modern Marvels "Candy" [CC]		Hooked: Illegal Drugs		Dogfights "The Zero Killer" [CC]		History of Sex: From		Digging for the Truth [CC]												
	Lifetime		Reba [CC]	Reba [CC]	Still Standing [CC]	Still Standing [CC]	Reba "Surprise"		"Judicial Indiscretion" (2007, Drama) Anne Archer, Michael Shanks. [CC]				Desperate Housewives [CC]												
	MTV		America's Next Top Model [CC]		The X Effect [CC]	** "Chasing Liberty" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Mandy Moore, Matthew Goode. Premiere. [CC]				My Super Sweet Celebration [CC]		Super Sweet 16	Super Sweet												
	NICK		Ned's School	Zoeys 101 [CC]	Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	Nicktoons TV [CC]	Nicktoons TV [CC]	Nicktoons TV [CC]	Nicktoons TV [CC]	Home Videos	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince											
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	SPIKE		(5:00) *** "So Close" (2002)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [CC]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [CC]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [CC]		*** "Shaolin Soccer" (2001, Comedy) Stephen Chow, Zhao Wei.														
	TBS		Seinfeld [CC]	Seinfeld [CC]	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends [CC]	Friends [CC]	Friends [CC]	Friends [CC]	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres. (Subject to Blackout)														
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USA		Law Order: CI	Law & Order: Criminal Intent [CC]		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [CC]	** "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (2003) Kate Hudson, Matthew McConaughey. [CC]				House "Finding Judas" [CC]															
VHI		100 Greatest Kid Stars "Hour 3" [CC]		100 Greatest Kid Stars "Hour 4" [CC]		100 Greatest Kid Stars "Hour 5" [CC]		Animals & Other Crap: Web Junk 2.0		Celebrity Eye Candy Footage. [CC]		Animals & Other Crap: Web Junk 2.0													
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	MSNBC		Tucker		Hardball [CC]		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	MSNBC Investigates		MSNBC Investigates Iowa prison.		MSNBC Reports Long Beach, Calif.													
MOVIES	AMC		*** "Below" (2002, Suspense) Matthew Davis, Bruce Greenwood. 'R' [CC]				*** "U.S. Marshals" (1998) Tommy Lee Jones. Sam Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case. 'PG-13'				*** "Below" (2002) Matthew Davis.														
	TCM		(:15) *** "Rogue Cop" (1954, Crime Drama) Robert Taylor. 'NR' [CC]				*** "711 Ocean Drive" (1950, Drama) Edmond O'Brien. Premiere. 'NR'			*** "D.O.A." (1949, Mystery) Edmond O'Brien. 'NR'		Bareft. Contessa													
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	MAX		(4:40) Hard Target [CC]	(:20) ** "Lady in the Water" (2006) Paul Giamatti. [CC]			(:15) ** "Waist Deep" (2006, Action) Tyrese Gibson, Larenz Tate. 'R' [CC]			*** "Accepted" (2006) Justin Long. [CC]	'PG-13' [CC]	Sin City Diaries													
	SHOW		(4:30) ** "F.I.S.T." (1978) 'PG' [CC]		** "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler. iTV. [CC]	'PG-13' [CC]		Meadowlands (iTV) [CC]		Filthy Gorgeous "Pilot" [CC]		** "Basic Instinct 2" (2006) 'R'													
	TMC		(5:40) *** "Arachnophobia" (1990) Jeff Daniels. [CC]		** "Lord of War" (2005, Drama) Nicolas Cage. Premiere. 'R' [CC]			*** "Crash" (2004, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle. 'R' [CC]				3-Way (2004) 'R'													
	STARZ!		(5:20) *** "A Life Less Ordinary"	(:10) ** "Stick It" (2006, Comedy-Drama) Jeff Bridges. [CC]	'PG-13' [CC]			*** "Underworld: Evolution" (2006, Horror) Kate Beckinsale. 'R' [CC]			(10:50) ** "The Guardian" (2006)														

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Travel

The city's notorious favelas are drawing adventurous visitors

Most of the massive hillside slums that rise up around Rio's posh Ipanema beach district are places where middle-class Brazilians would never go. But a growing number of tourists are shunning the beachfront zones with their pricey hotels and shops to get a taste of the "real Brazil," one outsiders rarely see up close.

Gabe Ponce de Leon is one — he came to Rio as a college exchange student in 2001 and lived the high life until he discovered the slums. Teaching English for pocket money, the Brooklyn native got his first taste of a "favela" when a student took him home to Rocinha, a place whose very name makes many Brazilians fearful.

"Rocinha looks daunting from the outside, like an impregnable fortress," said Ponce de Leon. "But inside it's like a hamlet, with kids playing in the streets, and you know all your neighbors."

Ponce de Leon decided to rent a room in his student's home for \$75 a month and immerse himself in the favela life.

"There's a lot of fun there. There are samba groups, 'funk' dances and more bars than any other business. It's a cop-free zone, no lawyers, no bureaucracy, no corporate regulations or commercialism," he said. "But there's also old-fashioned human warmth, people help each other out. For a guy who grew up in Brooklyn, you see this way of life still exists."

Barbara Caroli of Italy caught her favela fever after glimpsing the thousand points of light gleaming each night from the jumbles of hillside houses.

"I felt it was an invitation," said



AT HOME IN THE SLUMS: British painter Bob Nadkarni built a home in the Tavares Bastos favela in the 1970s, and now he rents rooms to visitors from around the world.

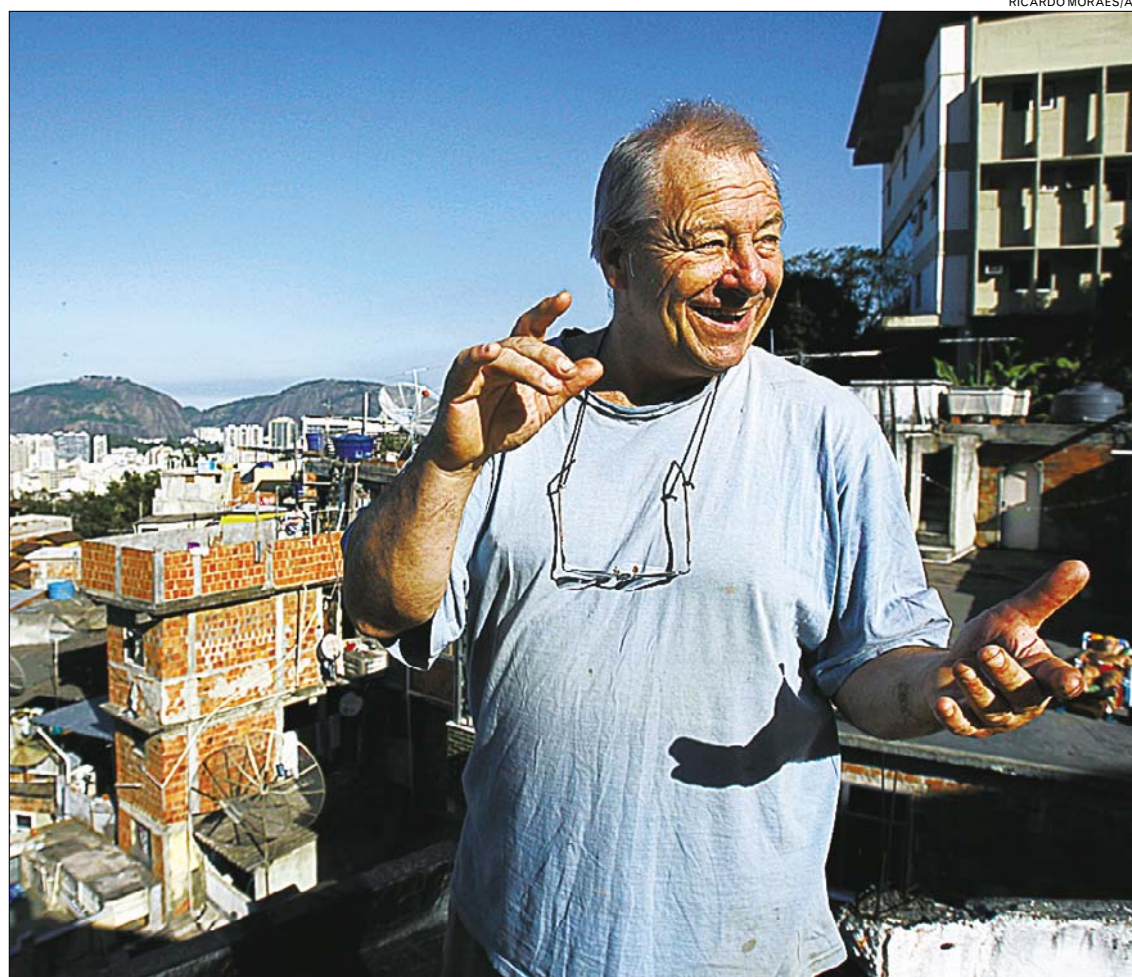
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Rio's Rough Side

Caroli, who quit her job at a real estate agency in Milan, moved to Rocinha, married and opened a preschool. "This is life. There are shootouts, and sometimes you can't sleep because of the gunfire, but you almost never see a body. People don't celebrate death — they commemorate life."

While there is no exact count of how many foreigners live in favelas, Rio's Federation of Favela Associations says the number has risen sharply, from dozens a decade ago to hundreds today, especially from Europe and the United States.

Most got their first taste of favela life on the Jeep and walking tours of shantytowns that began in the

Rocinha looks daunting from the outside. ... But inside it's like a hamlet, with kids playing in the streets."

GABE PONCE DE LEONE, BRAZIL

1990s.

More recently, bed and breakfast inns have opened up in some of the less violent favelas.

"Favelas have a negative image of drugs and violence, but visitors find out it can be different," said

Marcelo Mendonca, who rents out a room in his house in the Vila Canoas favela. "People love to go to the bakery and the corner bar."

So far, Mendonca has hosted guests from England, Australia, Hong Kong and Spain. Some complained that his favela, one of the city's safest, seemed too nice.

For many years, Rio's 600 favelas occupied a romantic space in the Brazilian imagination, as the birthplace of samba and the carnival groups.

That changed in the 1980s, as heavily armed gangs defended a rising cocaine trade. Today, few middle-class Brazilians have ever visited a favela, and few have any

desire to do so.

British painter Bob Nadkarni discovered the Tavares Bastos favela when his maid got sick and he had to take her home. One glimpse of the spectacular Sugarloaf mountain view was enough — he decided to build his own home there. Now he rents rooms to visitors and features a monthly jazz night that attracts scores of outsiders, Brazilian and foreign.

Nadkarni, a burly man of 64, says many Brazilians are unjustifiably afraid of favelas.

"They'll even brag about it and compete to see who is more afraid," he said. "But I couldn't live anywhere else." PETER MUELLO (AP)


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More Than Skin-Deep

It's easy to get lost in Nazanin's gorgeous looks. After all, the Iranian-Canadian singer-songwriter was once the first runner-up in the Miss World pageant. But listen to her lyrics and you'll discover something other than a beauty queen; she's a revolution-minded political firebrand. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



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New Kid on the Block

Alberto's, the pizza shop that drew rave reviews in Dupont Circle, recently opened a new location in Adams Morgan, creating another player in the late-night jumbo slice pizza wars. Express' Michael Grass explains the re-drawn battle lines and Alberto's advantages. | [COMING UP](#)

MUSIC

Still Alive & Amplified

The Mooney Suzuki hasn't just been snakebitten; the band's been chomped worse than Jon Voight in "Anaconda." But the New York City maximum R&B rock 'n' rollers have lived to tell Express' Christopher Porter their tale of headbanging woe and subsequent resurrection. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



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COMMENTER JAMES, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "WOULD THE FOUNDING FATHERS APPROVE OF MODERN-DAY AMERICA?"



Other than kicking themselves in the butt bones for leaving us vulnerable to legalized murder via Roe v. Wade, I would suspect they'd be pleasantly surprised we're still alive and kicking."

COMMENTER DEN HOLLINDEN, WHO ADDED, "[THEY'D BE] GRATIFIED WE'VE STILL GOT THE GUTS TO GO OFF AND FIGHT FOR THE SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY THAT'S SERVED US SO WELL OVER THE YEARS."

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Discussions

Apple iPhone

The Washington Post's **ROB PEGORARO** was online Thursday to discuss Apple's new iPhone.

Your review of the iPhone was like most other reviews — it points out the flaws in the network and hardware but praises the device for its breakthrough software. Given your experience with it over the past week or so, would you buy one or wait for a revision?

I won't be buying an iPhone. That's largely a network-driven decision: I take Metro, where AT&T's net-

work doesn't reach. If there were a Verizon or Sprint version of the iPhone, I'd be much more tempted. And if the first round of iPhone software updates from Apple fixed things like the lack of copy and paste (and if I had a way to view/edit iPhone notes on a computer) I'd be really tempted. And if I could add other programs to the iPhone, I just might be sold.

What's the iPhone like as a phone? So many phones, i.e., BlackBerries — are good at dealing with data, but terrible with voice. I hate calling people who have them.

Sounds fine to me. In my first call or two, people said I sounded a little faint — but then I realized that

I didn't need to hold its screen away from my face, since the iPhone shuts off the touchscreen when you hold it up to your head.

Have you heard any official word on when a form of iChat will become available for the iPhone?

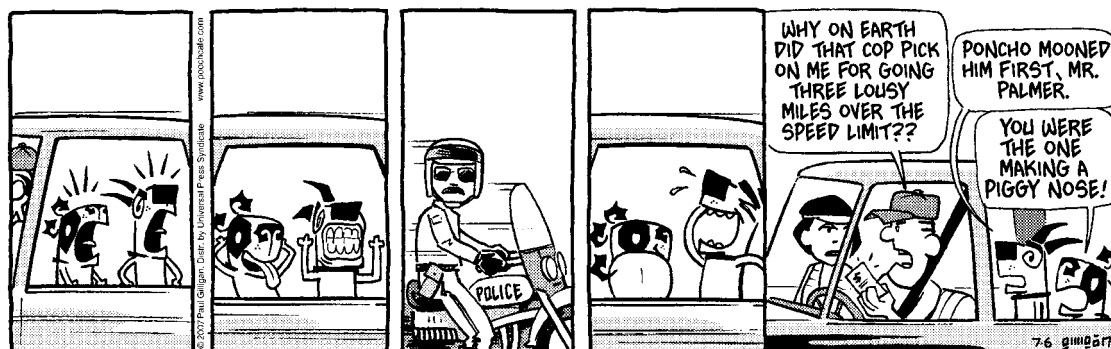
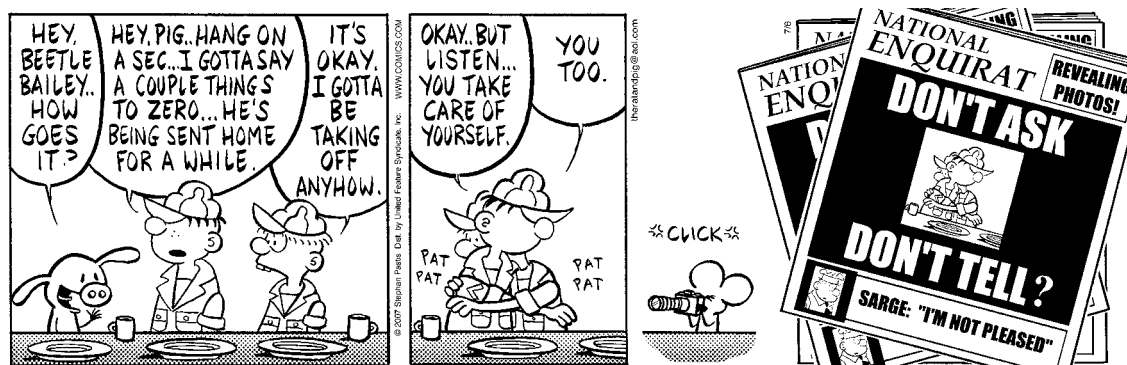
Nope, but that should be the easiest thing for Apple to fix — it just needs to send out a software fix, which iTunes will download and install for you automatically when you sync your iPhone. It should be just like iPod software updates.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Join Washington Post staff writer Liz Clarke chats about Wimbledon and the world of tennis at noon. washingtonpost.com/discussions.

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll have a very good reason to spend more money than usual — but will you take the hint? Being too thrifty right now can be risky.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will want to treat a loved one with tender loving care — avoiding any temptation to threaten his or her self-confidence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Resist the temptation to talk about yourself every chance you get. Instead, redouble your efforts and try to listen to others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You shouldn't find that others are overly tempted to contradict you, but you should be ready for people to ask a great many questions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be ready and willing to show a great deal of interest when someone close to you opens up about a problem of a personal nature.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Pay particular attention to all facts and figures — and be sure you know the dates of all

important upcoming events. Don't forget to remember.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is a good day to remind a loved one just how loved he or she really is. Your appreciation will be appreciated — and returned in kind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Putting business ahead of pleasure can be a mistake. You'll want to spend some quality time with certain family members at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Put your best foot forward and present yourself in the best possible light. Appearance and behavior count for much.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You don't want to suggest that a close friend or co-worker could learn a lot from you. Let him or her figure this out on his or her own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may feel as though someone is mounting an attack of some sort against you, but in reality you're feeling more vulnerable than usual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can do a great deal to ease someone else's tension about a coming event. Put him or her at ease in the simplest possible manner.

Letters

Obama Toeing Party Line

SEN. BARACK OBAMA is right when he says the American people want to "break out of the ... old arguments and solve problems" ("Candidates Spend Holiday in Iowa," July 5), but what has he said yet that we haven't heard before? He wants to provide free health care to all, strengthen America's international reputation and end global warming. Similar-

ly, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton wants to provide free health care to all, strengthen America's international reputation and end global warming. John Kerry and Al Gore both ran on similar platforms. As much as Obama claims to be breaking out of "harsh partisanship," he seems to be toeing the party line.

—TORI HUTCHENS
Fairfax, Va.

Correction:

A caption in Thursday's Express misidentified Army soldiers as Marines.

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Today in History

1535 Sir Thomas More is executed in England for treason.

1907 Artist Frida Kahlo is born in Coyoacan, Mexico.

1917 During World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence capture the port of Aqaba from the Turks.

1923 The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

comes into existence as its constitution takes effect.

1945 President Truman signs an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom.

1957 Althea Gibson becomes the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title, defeating fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2.

2002 Movie director John Frankenheimer dies in Los Angeles; he was 72.

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LOOK out People



DANNY MOLOSHOK/AP

Diane Keaton will eventually die.

CAREER

That Awkward Stage Before You Get Diane Keaton Roles

HELEN HUNT has a new job: directing. "Then She Found Me," her filmmaking debut, will play at September's Toronto International Film Festival. It stars Hunt as a schoolteacher whose commonplace life suddenly grows complicated. (AP)

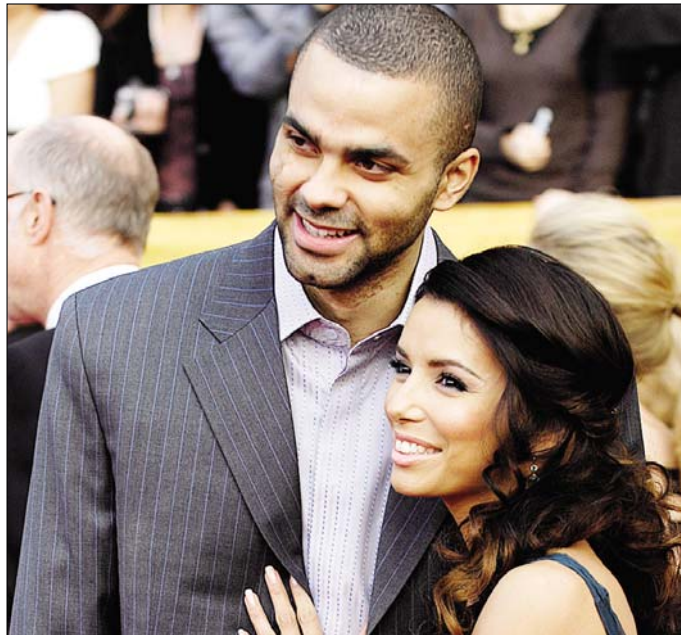
IT WASN'T THAT GOOD!!!!

Women Who Crave Maudlin, Overrated Epics Will Flock



"English Patient" director **ANTHONY MINGHELLA** will write the libretto and direct a new work by composer Osvaldo Golijov commissioned by the Metropolitan Opera. Minghella made his Met debut last fall directing an acclaimed staging of Puccini's "Madama Butterfly." Golijov isn't ready to reveal the subject matter of their collaboration. (AP)

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CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

YET, NO ONE CARES

B-List Bride Strives To Create Drama

EVA LONGORIA will marry her French beau, NBA champion **TONY PARKER**, on Saturday, but the details are still under wraps. Longoria's spokeswoman would only say that the wedding will be "a big, happy ceremony with lots of family and friends." A French official confirmed Thursday that the couple had chosen Vaux-le-Vicomte, a 17th-century chateau outside Paris, as the venue. The privately owned chateau near the village of Maincy is shielded from prying eyes by eight miles of high stone walls. (AP)

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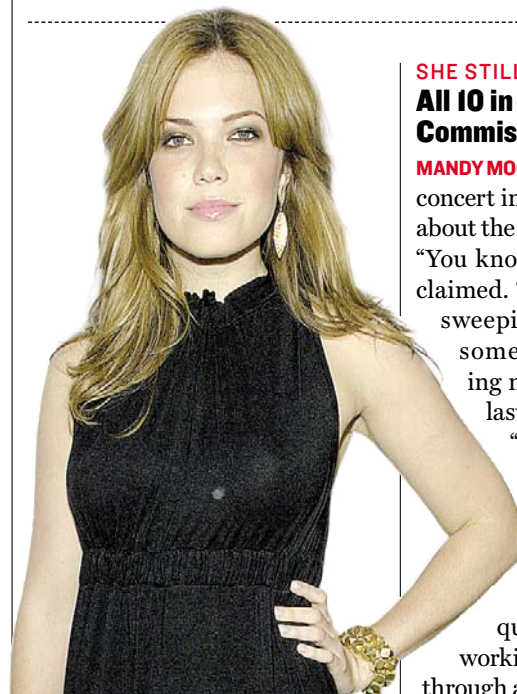
MISS NEW JERSEY

says she won't give in to an anonymous threat that personal photographs of her will be made public if she refuses to relinquish her crown. "It would certainly be easier for me to simply succumb to these unlawful and immoral threats and quietly disappear," said Amy



And that's why you don't go to Mardi Gras.

Polumbo. Her lawyer said the pictures show her with some friends and some may have been photos that she posted years ago on a private Web site. Polumbo won the Miss New Jersey competition last month, giving her the right to compete in the next Miss America competition. (AP)



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SHE STILL SINGS?

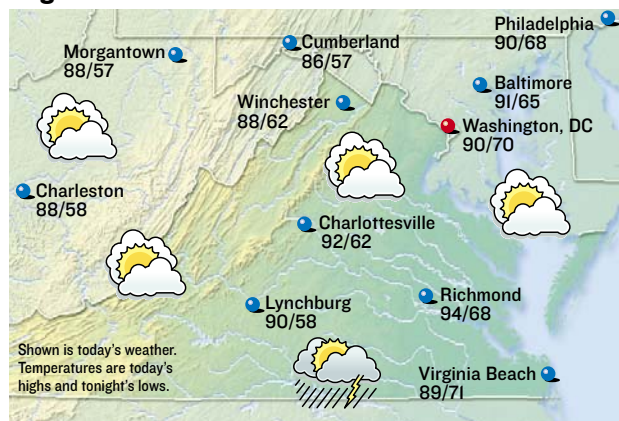
All 10 in Audience Really Commiserated With Her

MANDY MOORE interrupted her recent concert in Manhattan to grumble about the men who did her wrong. "You know, guys suck," she proclaimed. "I don't want to make a sweeping generalization, but some guys suck!" Recording new album "Wild Hope" last year, she said later, was "cathartic" and helped her get over ex Zach Braff. "I just was, like, ugh, why do I feel so icky and ... confused?" she recalls. "Just a bunch of questions on top of, like, working really hard and going through a breakup." (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny, hot	Clear	Mostly sunny, hot, less humid	Mostly sunny, breezy, hot	Mostly sunny, hot, humid	Partly sunny, hot
90°	70°	90° / 71°	94° / 75°	98° / 77°	98° / 77°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	82°
Low	72°
Normal high	88°
Normal low	69°
Average humidity	68%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.14"
Month to date	0.14"
Normal month to date	0.55"
Year to date	15.31"
Last year to date	27.01"
Normal year to date	19.71"

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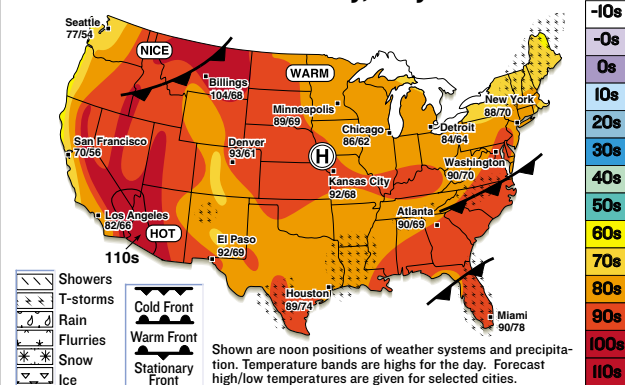
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny. High near 90. Tonight, clear skies. Low near 70. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, not as humid. High near 90 again.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:49 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:37 p.m.
Moonrise today	none
Moonsset today	12:17 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, July 6



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	90/69/pc	84/70/pc
Boston	84/64/t	82/64/t
Chicago	86/62/pc	90/70/pc
Dallas	86/70/t	92/74/t
Denver	93/61/s	97/63/s
Honolulu	88/76/pc	88/76/pc
Los Angeles	82/66/pc	82/65/pc
Miami	90/78/t	91/79/t
New York City	88/70/pc	86/73/s
Orlando	92/74/t	92/75/t
Seattle	77/54/s	74/54/s

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	64/55/c	66/54/c
Athens	88/70/s	91/73/s
Berlin	70/48/c	66/52/c
Buenos Aires	57/39/r	50/37/pc
Calgary	92/57/t	71/52/c
Dublin	64/52/c	64/50/pc
Geneva	68/51/t	77/52/s
Moscow	76/54/pc	69/49/c
Rome	82/57/s	84/63/s
Sydney	61/49/pc	60/46/pc
Tokyo	83/71/pc	81/72/sh

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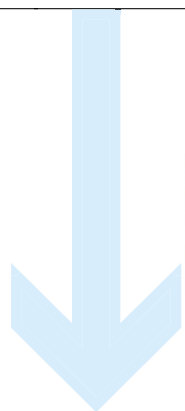
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■ **Looking for a job?** Aretha Franklin needs a personal secretary. Since the slot is vacant, no one reminded her to call me for this interview, but her publicist fixed things up and we spoke the next day. "I'm wearing all of the hats," Franklin apologized. She was looking forward to her trip to Washington for her Thursday concert at Wolf Trap.

I was sad yesterday when you didn't call me on my cell phone because you're my ringtone — "Although the phone you ignore ..." That's "Until You Come Back to Me." Where did you get this ringtone?

I downloaded it on my phone for a dollar or so. And who did you pay this dollar to? I need to get into the business of this because I keep hearing about the ringtones, different people tell me they have "Respect," and I'm really not that familiar. I haven't even caught up with e-mail. I'm still faxing!

Do you like D.C.? It's one of my favorite places. I love the National Mall. I like to see people running on the Mall.

Any chance you'd join the joggers? I would love to. I'm doing a lot of walking. I'm on the treadmill now and it's just beginning to work [as a weight-loss strategy].

Do you like singing at Wolf Trap? You get a wonderful audience.

What's a non-wonderful audience? People who come out to party and see their friends rather than coming out to listen to the concert.

Do you ever forget a line? Once or twice. Then you ad-lib. Ella [Fitzgerald] was such a great ad-libber. You call on your spontaneous creativity.

Summer is here — does that bring back childhood memories?



Aretha Franklin

LEGEND, DEMANDER OF R-E-S-P-E-C-T

The ice cream truck man — what else? — coming along with the magical little music. And I was running after the truck.

Do you have a favorite flavor? Not really. I love ice cream but try to stay away from it. I love Popsicles.

I hear you make a mean peach cobbler. Any tips?

Sprinkle sugar, just a handful, on the bottom crust of the dish. Then once you get your top crust on, lightly butter that and sprinkle a handful of sugar all over it.

You have beautiful skin. What's your secret? Pond's cold cream, and I drink a lot of water, and genes.

"Generally, I love wearing my natural hair. But sometimes a wig is convenient."

How do you relax in the summer? Just a cool lemonade and kick back and some good music.

Who do you like these days? Ne-Yo is very hot. I like his song with the line, "Why can't I turn off the radio?" "So sick of love songs" is the hook.

You've had hundreds of hairstyles, from your 1970s Afro to gigantic wigs. How do you decide: wig or your own hair?

I love wearing my natural hair. But when you're doing a lot of dates and don't want to put a lot of heat on your hair all the time, sometimes a wig is convenient. At Wolf Trap, I think I'll be wearing my own hair. I got a new cut I like a lot. MARC SILVER



Daily Poll

The boss doesn't care what you think. We do.

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Grab Bag

2 Runway Reruns

SEVENTIES COWBOY SHIRTS. '60s cotton frocks from Thailand and enough '50s cocktail dresses to costume a dozen Doris Day flicks fill Capitol Hill's new branch of vintage clothing den Remix (645 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-547-0211). His-and-hers

fashions from the past range from a stripey men's '70s shirt (shown, \$20) to a '60s frock from Guatemala (shown, \$40). A side room holds pricey flapper gowns and designer finds.

Purple Reign

WE'RE NOT SURE why Prince came out with 3121, launching Saturday, but we learned long ago to stop questioning anything Prince does. The lightly musky scent, while targeted toward women, is as androgynous as the diminutive rock god. (\$31.21, 3121perfume.com)

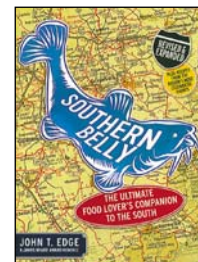


4 Glow Expectations

YOUR GUESTS loved last summer's parties on the deck, where they basked in the glimmer of candles. But when tiki torches set fire to the fence, things got ugly. Avoid danger and stylishly light the night with Tayo's Havaleena LED cordless lamp sticks (\$59 each, \$149 for three, lampcraft.com). The stainless-steel stemmed cylinders run on AA batteries and come tipped with clever acrylic lights with colored filters. They'd also make unusually chic flashlights for firefly-chasing or hide-and-seek.

Southern Charming 3

THE SOUTH ISN'T ALL fried chicken and grits. The newly revised and expanded "Southern Belly" by John T. Edge (\$15, Algonquin) is a tasty trip below the Mason-Dixon Line, hitting white-tablecloth places along with church basements and roadside shacks. Read it, for no other reason than that our own Ben's Chili Bowl (among other local stops) is featured.



Save Earth With a Sack

WE TREASURE our Trader Joe's "spare the trees, ditch the plastic" reusable totes, too. But Susan Bijl's new nylon Shoppingbags (\$30-\$37, greenergrassdesign.com) add more funk to visits to the farm stand or Eastern Market. Made of waterproof nylon kite fabric, they come in cool color combos like pink and green, or purple and black.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I will be in my sister-in-law's September wedding party, wearing a beautiful brown dress. Help me find a pair of classic, comfortable shoes in sable or gold.

— KSUSHA

■ Manolo says, the Manolo adores the September weddings, mostly because he adores the September. Here in the heat of July, when every foot seems to have on it the plastic flip-flop or the loathsome Croc, the Manolo longs for September and its simple shoe pleasures. Yes, September may still be hot, but the promise of cooler weather is at hand,



and the glorious color of October and the familial pleasures of November and December are mere weeks away. More than June and May, September is the month of new beginnings, when we put behind us the frivolity of summer youthfulness and take the next step toward growing up. And so, what better time to join with the other person in the bonds of matrimony? What better time to take the step away from solipsistic youth into the satisfying responsibilities of adulthood? The Manolo thinks that bronze would be better than gold for this September sable dress. Here is the Napoli by



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Charis wears a Shoshanna dress (\$350, All About Jane, 2839 Clarendon Blvd.) and a wire and stone bracelet (\$45, Hysteria, 125 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 703-548-1615). Hair/makeup by Victoria Stiles, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Model, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Marge Ely.





DIY DUO

2 Give It Some Edge. A bottle-cap table needs a lip so the epoxy doesn't spill off the edges. Buy four lengths of wood trim, the same lengths as each side. Ask someone at a hardware store (or a handy friend) to cut the edges of each piece at 45-degree angles so the ends lay flush against each other.

Fit the angled wood pieces together along the edges. The lip will be most secure if you nail the trim into the table — a nail every four to six inches should do. My table was too thin and frail, so I used super-glue. Then I painted the whole thing blue.

3 Glue. I can't stress this enough: Affix the caps to the surface before pouring epoxy. I applied a model-making super-glue to the edges of the caps, pressed them in, and waited a few hours for the stuff to dry.

4 Pour. You need a two-part epoxy made up of a resin and a hardener, which you mix together. Hardware stores typically don't carry this product; you'll have better luck at a craft store. I found a brand called EnviroTex Lite's Pour-On at A.C. Moore (see acmoore.com for locations). The stuff's also easy to find online.

This product ain't cheap. I got mine for \$20 per pint, which covers only two square feet at a 1/4 inch high (the minimum depth for a bottle-cap project). It's worth it, though; EnviroTex dries relatively quickly and is designed to eliminate the air bubbles formed when mixing and pouring.

Mix equal parts resin and hard-

ener vigorously for at least two minutes and pour a thin layer (about 1/8 inch). Spread it over the table with a brush or stiff paper (we used junk mail!) and blow on it to eradicate air bubbles. Wait until this layer is fully cured (aka dry and set) — approximately two days — before pouring the next. The cooler the room, the longer the drying time. The EnviroTex instructions called for at least two days in an 85-degree room. (Brands of pourable epoxy differ; follow package instructions.)

SHOPPING LIST

As always, prices will vary. The bigger your table, the more it's going to cost you.

- Ikea Ingo table: \$25
- Beer: \$6 to \$10 per sixer
- Super-glue: \$3 to \$7
- Wood trim: \$2 to \$3 per piece
- Paint (optional): \$4 for 8 oz.
- Paintbrush (optional): \$1
- Epoxy: \$20 per pint

If the lip of the table isn't at least 1/8 inch taller than the caps, epoxy may spill over the sides. Since my table lip was even with the caps and I wanted a thin layer of epoxy on it, I ran masking tape around the edge and camped out near the table for a few minutes after pouring to wipe up any drips with a paper towel.

Is It Worth It? You bet. This project is expensive but easy enough that I could do it without Tom's help. (Except with the beer-drinking. He's excellent in that department.)



Julia Beizer and her fiancé, Tom, guide newbies through basic home-improvement tasks in our pages a few times per month.

Merry Pop-Toppins

Bottle caps turn a bland table into a brilliant one

Beer-bottle Cap Collecting for Undetermined Craft Projects might as well have been a major at my college. "Dude, don't throw that

cap out. I'm gonna make a tabletop." "No way, man. I'm keeping this one for when I build that bar."

Needless to say, only a fraction of these projects were realized. I drove away after graduation with a quart-sized Ziploc packed with lids. But I didn't put them to use until last month, when I bedecked a bland Ikea table with glittering brew leftovers. Pasting tops on it? A cinch. Mastering the use of liquid epoxy to

create the glossy, bar-like surface? Therein lies the challenge.

1 Drink. This teensy, 1-by-2-foot table required 160 lids, so I had to enlist some friends to help me, um, gather materials. Take care when popping those tops: Gently pry them off from several different angles. If they're all warped and twisted, you'll regret it when you get to step four.

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Aaron Carter is soulful about his 'do.

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Being a Fratty

■ Anne Dyer, co-owner of the uber-trendy **FLOYD'S 99 BARBERSHOP** in College Park, Md., (7313 Baltimore Ave; 301-403-2922) deals with a lot of college students wanting the layered Rachel (really! After all this time!) or a punky, MySpace-ready faux-hawk. But there's no haircut Dyer and her team of stylists loathe more than the "peacock" — or, in less affectionate terms, "the frat boy cut." "It's popular because everyone's been doing it for a long time now, but we hate it," Dyer says. "It's old; it's ugly. It has no imagination."

The hairstyle—which sports a shorter back and sides with a row of longer, spiked and gelled bangs in the front — is "completely overdone," Dyer says. She estimates, however, that she gets a request for the 'do at least once a week. And though her stylists suggest more modern looks, such as an updated crew cut or a shaggy, textured chop, young dudes rarely listen.

"Men don't really keep up with trends," Dyer says. "They don't break out of their mold. But if you look at any magazine—Men's Health, anything—you can keep up." ROXANA HADADI (EXPRESS)



Designer Philip Lim, he of the clean lines and high price tags, drew inspiration from Edie "Grey Gardens" Bouvier Beale for his fall 2007 collection. See what this means for fashionistas at a trunk show July 6, 6-8 p.m. Muleh, 1831 14th St. NW; 202-667-3440.

The Closet Case Worker

Stylist Jorge Ramon on his TV show and fashion don'ts

Even a stuffed closet can look like an empty, fashion-free wasteland to the sartorially challenged. TLC's new show "I've Got Nothing to Wear," which airs its season finale Friday night at 10 p.m., comes to the aid of wardrobe woebegones. The show sends in stylist-to-the-celebs Jorge Ramon to do triage on guest stars' bedraggled clothes. He sends their reject dresses and jeans out to be restyled by three "design prodigies" and helps fashion dodos shop for inexpensive basics. We caught up with him to pick his brain about the show and get his tips on how anyone can look marvelous.

The fashion geniuses on the show turn tops into dresses and tailor baggy old jeans into stovepipes. How can less-gifted folks redo their duds?

Well, if you have a long skirt, which isn't so in anymore, take it to a tailor and shorten it. Or maybe that too-big blouse can be taken in. The key is to get a good tailor.

You probably can't make it to my house tonight, so how do you suggest I clean up my closet?

It's really important to edit it. If you haven't worn something in a year, get rid of it. And don't be a size slave. That's a person who says, "I'm a size 2," then buys everything that size and ends up beating themselves up when things don't fit. If you're a size 6 and you squeeze into a 2, you don't look or feel good.

On the show, you take people shopping at inexpensive places. What's the secret to cheap chic?

Style for the masses is all over the place — Target, H&M, Uniqlo. But think about size. Don't wear cheap clothing that's too small, or it'll end up looking terrible. Go for basics like T-shirts, things that'll flesh out a wardrobe.



THIS'LL LOOK GOOD — AT GOODWILL: Stylist Jorge Ramon helps fashion victims ruthlessly edit their sad wardrobes on TLC's new show "I've Got Nothing to Wear."

And how should people determine which trends to go for?

If you were around for something the first time, like this 1980s look, don't wear it again. And think about what'll work in your wardrobe and on your body — not everyone looks good in those little trapeze dresses. They sometimes look juvenile.

Since we all shop at chain stores, how can women keep from looking like fashion clones?

Details make a difference — fabulous shoes and great earrings make the outfit. And you can take a bland old wrap dress and put it with dif-

ferent belt and flats, which we did for one person on the show.

When you work with a client, how do you get started?

I ask them what their style story is. People have clear image of what they want their clothing to say, but it gets lost in translation. I sometimes see someone on the street, and wonder, "Does she have a mirror?"

What's your pet style peeve for women?

A lot of women slip into a style rut. They have to get away from the idea that shoes have to match purses. Your shoes and bag are cooler if

they don't match. But in order not to look like Rainbow Brite, you want one of these pieces to be a neutral, a piece without a pattern. Then add color or pattern with whatever else you're wearing.

"Don't wear cheap clothing that is too small. It'll end up looking terrible."

Any other faux pas gals make?

Why do they wear a big oversized shirt with a pair of leggings? It's like the complete opposite of what they want to do, which is show off curves. They shouldn't hide themselves in tents — that'll add pounds.

How do dudes mess up their look?

A lot of guys get stuck in the idea that they're a 32-inch waist. They squeeze themselves into pants and belt it and get this tiny waist. That hurts my blood. That look is just not sexy.

How do you dress yourself?

Right now, I'm wearing cargo pants and a T-shirt that says "77." My style forever was really trendy, but now I'm into classic with a twist. Like, I'll wear a blazer, but the back will be covered in patches. Or I'll put on black jeans, but there'll be bones on the back of them. That way, you see me coming one way, but I leave another.

You dress celebs, as well as regular folks. How are stars different?

I think everyone needs self-assurance and hand-holding whether they're famous or not. But celebrities don't want to hit the red carpet looking a mess. I try to ask them if they feel comfortable and look like they want to have their photo taken. I'm not going to send someone out wearing a patent leather tuxedo because it's in.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Mood Indigo

Call the deep, rich blue that's crashed into fashion this summer ocean, electric or cobalt. One thing's crystal clear: The saturated hue flatters everyone from pale-eyed blondes to dark-skinned brunettes. "Cobalt reminds you of the sea or vacation," says Baltimore designer Dyanne Marte, who uses it often in her Denny's knitwear. The last time the shade rocked this hard, Pat Benatar topped the charts and "The Facts of Life" gals wore cobalt sweaters with their pleated black pants. But this time around, the new blues look better paired with subtler tones — acid green, bronze, yellow. "It's delicious with white or chocolate brown," says Marte. And sapphire even goes well with another true blue, turquoise. Combine them to gleam like a jewel on the town. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS) AND ELIZABETH P. GIBBENS



PALM BEACH BUNNY

Trina Turk's knit halter looks like a vintage Pucci you'd dig out of your mom's closet. Its summer lovers: white shorts and metallic platforms. (\$218, All About Jane, 2829 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington; 703-243-4424)



CAMEO APPEARANCE

Latter-day Marie Antoinettes can give a French twist to plunging necklines using Cecile Jeanne's choker with a cobalt portrait charm. (\$370, Celine de Paris, 2904 M St. NW; 202-298-0025)



BLUE CRUSH

Shoshanna's Empire halter dress comes in a vaguely Aztec pattern in royal, sapphire and aqua. Try it with straw espadrilles or Lucite flats. (\$350, All About Jane)



PREP COOL

Printed skirts, which often scream, "Look at my butt!," seem more flattering when sewn up in calming shades of you-know-what. One of these full ones could go to work with a white blouse or a party with a tank. (\$95 and \$250, Sherman Pickey, 1647 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-4212)



THE NEW RAVE

An '80s color and silhouette seems fresh on BCBG's patent peep-toes. They'd get down with skinny jeans or an aqua cocktail dress. (\$98, nordstrom.com)





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Chains aren't just for punks, as shown by Shoshanna's silk mini/tunic that's sexy with tan legs or over slim pants. (\$311, [urbanchic online.com](http://urbanchic.online.com))

GET IT BRIGHT

Nana sandals (\$65, Shoe Fly, 1520 U St. NW; 202-332-1077) and an Alexis Bittar necklace (\$175, nordstrom.com) play up a modal wrap dress from Denny's (\$100, dennya.com).



MARRAKESH EXPRESSION

A Moroccan tile-like floral print brings an exotic edge to a breezy cotton halter top. Combine it with knee-length denim shorts. (\$68, nordstrom.com)

ELECTRIC AVENUE

So, you missed the Go Gos' latest reunion tour. You can still dress the part of a Reagan-era rock chick in Forever 21's one-armed, silver-studded top. (\$16, Forever 21)

ARTY GIRL

What to wear for an afternoon of museum-hopping? A white silk-linen swing dress with abstract expressionist blues by Jody Arnold for Mint. (\$363, All About Jane)

GARDEN VARIETY

A floral print bag jazzes up tennis whites, work blacks or going-out yellows. (\$39, Bandolino, Fashion Centre at Pentagon City; 703-415-2390)



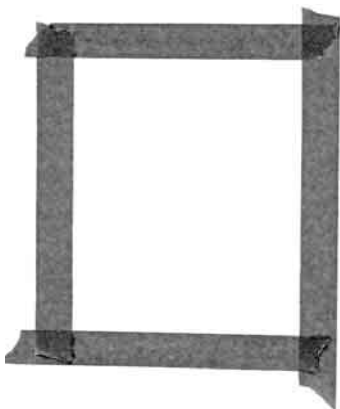
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Scoring Knobs And Knockoffs

■ Post staff writers **ANNIE GROER** and **JURA KONCIUS** are online every Thursday at 11 a.m. to dispense home advice.

Any suggestions of where to look to replace the builder's standard interior doorknobs in my apartment? Do you want new or old? For old ones, Brass Knob (202-332-3370) in Adams Morgan is great. Here are some Web sites for doorknobs: tracygloverstudio.com, centuryhardware.com, anthropologie.com.



I've decided to paint my bedroom. It has a sitting room and a loft area, so one wall is two stories high. How can I get a crisp painted edge where the wall meets the ceiling? Painter's tape, the DIYer's best friend. Get it wide enough and run it around the ceiling. But make sure you have a sturdy ladder. Better yet, get a friend there.

One of my goals is to start using my backyard more for entertaining. Currently, it's just concrete. I like the look of flagstone, but I don't have a large budget. Any cheaper stone suggestions?

One possibility, if you know an artist or want to try your hand at faux finishing, is to paint the concrete to look like stone until you can afford the real thing. If you'd rather have the real thing, call around to stone yards and see whether they sell odd-size, broken or chipped pieces. If you don't require exact uniformity, this could be your solution.

Sugar (and Design) High

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Jars of gumdrops, peppermints, Swedish fish and other sugary treats line an oversized, bubble-gum-pink bookcase at U Street's newest shop. But Rckndy — that's shorthand for rock candy, natch — isn't a retail outlet for some latter-day Willie Wonka, but a mod decor boutique. It specializes in the sort of hipster furniture, arty books and Skittles-hued accessories usually unearthed only in back corners of Brooklyn or Tokyo.

The confection of friendly David Dennis, who did time at Nordstrom and in furniture design, opened last month in the high-ceilinged, lofty space formerly occupied by SisterSpace & Books. On our two cruise-throughs, it proved nothing but a treat.

→ STYLE

This bright, contempo store and its punchy merch could convince a Georgetown colonial fan to ditch the toile and move to a Logan loft. Chocolate-stained wood floors and floor-to-ceiling front windows provide an airy backdrop for clean-lined furniture in laminate, wood and painted metals from Blu Dot, Context and MoxBox. The last's long, low Cromosomo credenza (\$3,900) casts a groovy, mid-century spell in walnut veneer and white lacquer.

But not everything's so pricey. Context's Truss table (\$589)

Mystery
Shopper



SWEETS FOR YOUR SUITE: RCKNDY's colorful plates and sleek, mod furniture.

boasts a boxy, backyard picnic-worthy shape. But since it's made of birch and white laminate, it'd be an indoor dinner party star. Upholstery — low-slung, loungey sofas — comes from BluDot and Gus Modern.

Accessories and tabletop items by brands like Alessi, Mint and Bob's Your Uncle also pop out from the sleek shelves. Classics like Alessi's bunny-in-a-top-hat toothpick holder (\$24) mingle with little-seen stuff like Mud Australia's pastel

ceramic bowls and Plush Living's bold, graphic sheet sets.

Some of this stock truly walks on the wild side, giving the D.C. retail scene a dose of cutting-edge cool. Take Design Can's Self Portrait wall mirrors (\$45), which feature laser cutouts of mustaches, moose antlers and pearl necklaces. Gaze into one and you'll be transformed — or terrified.

→ SERVICE

Spiky-haired, smiley Dennis clear-

ly not only loves processed sugar, but he's also sweet on contemporary design. He's posted short-yet-informative wall signs with prices and provenance of all the product lines he carries, and seems delighted to chat about the latest Alessi wine opener or to extol the virtues of Blu Dot's cheeky new coffee tables.

→ PRICE

Many of the accessories and gifts cost less than \$20, like Bob's Your Uncle notecards (\$12) with photos of retro street signs and soaps by Adobe Aromas (\$12). End tables start at \$300, while sofas by Gus Modern can run as much as \$2,600. But since these slinky pieces may be the antiques of tomorrow, they're probably good investments.

→ BONUS POINTS

While the sweet things displayed in jars behind the counter ain't for sale (and people seem to ask constantly), even folks who are just looking get a free piece of — what else? — rock candy.

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→ PRICE

Dwell readers and other moco (modern contemporary) style fiends wanting to upgrade from Ikea — or save the train fare to New York — now have a spot that'll help tastefully stuff their apartments. And getting to U Street requires fewer transportation hassles than riding the smelly subway to those hipster shops in Brooklyn anyhow.

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Here, Shabby's Still Chic

■ Let your too-cool-for-school neighbors keep their Italian leather sofas and LED chandeliers. Country-fied, weathered vintage and antique furniture, collectibles and other fluffy stuff still rule at shops in and around Leesburg, VA. In a converted barn with an adjoining silo (you can't miss it — it's pink with black polka dots) in Lucketts, the 20 dealers of **ON A WHIM** (14920 James Monroe Hwy.; 703-771-4844) hawk Victorian to mid-century furniture, much of it painted white. Two levels overflow with flowery china cups and architectural remnants like old gates that seem perfect for festooning a wall above a sofa. A wire rack stuffed with soaps (\$9) in scents from fig to pomegranate seems to keep with the slightly girly vibe.



In downtown Leesburg itself, the palette's a bit brighter (a kid's wooden chair with chipping, tomato-red paint, packets of vintage buttons in Fiestaware hues), but the worn-in-yet-hip look is similar at **THE COTTAGE** (219 W. Market; 703-443-0058). Among the standouts: old quilts, quirky, feminine lamps, vintage metal lawn furniture and tin stars to hang on walls outside or in. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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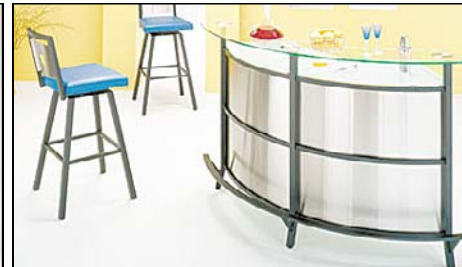
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Dennis Menis, Heather Shaw

Heather, 28, is a lifestyle public relations manager for Hisaoka Public Relations. Dennis, 28, is a major account executive with Oce North America. They live in Silver Spring.

- **The Main Event:** A Catholic ceremony and reception in Annapolis for 125 guests on Sept. 8.
- **Honeymoon:** Paris, Rome, Capri.
- **How They Met:** The first time Heather remembers encountering her fellow University of Maryland student was when he was set up with one of her best friends.
- **First Date:** Heather's not sure, but

she "realized what a great catch he was on my 21st birthday. After all my friends passed out, he sat up with me all night to make sure I was OK."

■ **How He Proposed:** Dennis set up a scavenger hunt that ended with Heather packing her bags for Miami. Expecting a proposal, she searched his bag for a ring every time he left the room, to no avail. He kept it hidden until popping the question on the beach.

■ **When They Knew:** "After we spent an entire day being lazy and watching old 'Saturday Night Live' episodes," said Heather. "I remember thinking it was the most fun I'd ever had with anyone." "Day 25," said Dennis.

■ **Their Song:** "We have a bunch, so it's been hard to choose. I think we're going with the Rufus Wainwright version of 'Across the Universe' for the wedding," said Heather.

"I realized what a great catch he was on my 21st birthday."



Krispy Khemistry

When **MISA OKAMOTO** and **EDGAR CADUA** met at Andrews Air Force Base, the snap, crackle and pop between them wasn't mutual. "I didn't look at him as someone I wanted to date," said Misa. "She was beautiful," said Ed. Yet, soon they were a couple, and two months in came a major relationship milestone: Ed gave Misa a Rice Krispies Treat. "I was so happy, I jokingly said I'd marry him. I never thought I actually would." But they also faced a hurdle: "I knew I would be reassigned," said Misa. Luckily, though, they both ended up at Bolling Air Force Base.

Nine months later, on the 11th-month anniversary of their first date, Ed presented Misa with roses and a wrapped gift. It was a Rice Krispies Treat. "I thought it was weird," said Misa — until "I broke it in half to reveal her ring, hidden inside," said Ed.

Misa, 26, is a public health officer and Ed, 30, is a bioenvironmental engineer, both for the Air Force. After their July 14 wedding at St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill (and a reception at the Bolling Officer's Club), they will live in Arlington.



Maya Glover, Jacob Mollerus

Maya, 27, is a student-athlete academic advisor. Jacob, 24, is an executive team leader for Target Corp. They live in Vienna.

- **The Main Event:** A small, formal beach wedding in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, on July 22.
- **How They Met:** At a fraternity party at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania. Jacob asked for her number, but thought the 757 area code was a fake. (She'd kept her digits from Hampton, Va.) "She called me a couple days later from that 'fake' number," said Jacob.
- **First Date:** Jacob begged Maya to take 30 minutes to grab dinner; she was anxious to get back to her office.
- **How He Proposed:** In front of a fountain in Cozumel, Mexico. Jacob asked a

"He thinks I don't spend enough money on myself," says Maya of their silliest argument.

Brian Lesefske, Kristy Wright

Kristy, 29, is a defense contractor. Brian, 32, is a mortgage consultant for Wachovia. They live in Silver Spring.

- **The Main Event:** They're not quite eloping on July 7, but it's close. Their Niagara Falls, Ontario, ceremony is "being set up by a quickie wedding company," says Kristy. Only five guests are expected, and "the officiator will be whoever the company sends out! Everything will be a surprise."

■ How They Met:

"I'd been watching him at the Gold's Gym in Silver Spring," said Kristy. After seeing him off and on for a year, she talked to him about his Pixies T-shirt.

■ **First Date:** "Me saying we should grab a burrito at Chipotle after the gym," said Kristy. They closed the place down.

■ **How He Proposed:** At Penn's Landing in Philadelphia; the city was the destination of their first road trip.



■ **Their Song:** Anything by Pete Yorn.
■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "I don't even know where to start," said Kristy. "Anything with polka dots," said Brian.

■ **When He Knew:** "Maybe for sure after spending a week with her in a car on our road trip to Mississippi."

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "Maybe B.I.O.!" said Kristy. "We can't seem to agree on some of these answers."

■ **Bridal Attire:** A red formal gown.

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** "We're both innately cheap, so our ceremony will be, too!" said Brian.

■ **Wedding Jitters:** "Her dad and my mom are meeting for the first time."

■ **With Unlimited Funds ...** "The ultimate in vegan catering (with a Sticky Fingers cake from D.C.!) and a complete North American road trip," said Kristy.



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tourist to take their picture, then laid down his beach towel and untied the ring from his swimming trunks.

■ **Stupidest Fight:** Over Maya not shopping. "He thinks I don't spend enough money on myself," she said.

■ **When They Knew:** "When he said he wanted to move with me to Hattiesburg, Miss., while I completed my Ph.D.," said Maya. "When she took me to the playground and tried to break up with me while on the swing set," said Jacob. "She didn't know I was as serious about our relationship as I was."

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SEEKING ANSWERS
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Q What would you rather see than the fireworks?

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1. "The ball dropping at midnight," Lesley Grabias, left. "I'm always traveling on the Fourth, so I want to see the fireworks!" Megan O'Learly, middle. "Prince Harry in person," Elle Hogan. 2. "Ratatouille," Matt Heron, left. "A better ending to 'The Sopranos,'" Andrew Paulson. 3. "I don't think there's anything better than the fireworks," Mike Thompson, left. "Seeing Pennywise live," Jason Heddings. 4. "I'm not a fireworks fan, so just about anything," Ross Ericson, left. "See 'Scooter' Libby go to jail," Sarah Bateman. "The Nathan's hot dog eating contest," Sam Jack. 5. "The troops coming home from Iraq," Scott Peterson with Jennifer Burns. 6. "An O.A.R. concert," Keara Mehlert, left. "I want to watch the fireworks!" Ann Marie Mehlert. 7. "Spending the holiday with my family," Cameron Lide. 8. "David Beckham and the L.A. Galaxy," Kara Steinhart. "Transformers," Brandon VanGrack. 9. "A male stripper," Tracey Feldesman. 10. "The next episode of 'Entourage,'" Aaron Johnson. COLLEEN EGAN



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